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井上智徳

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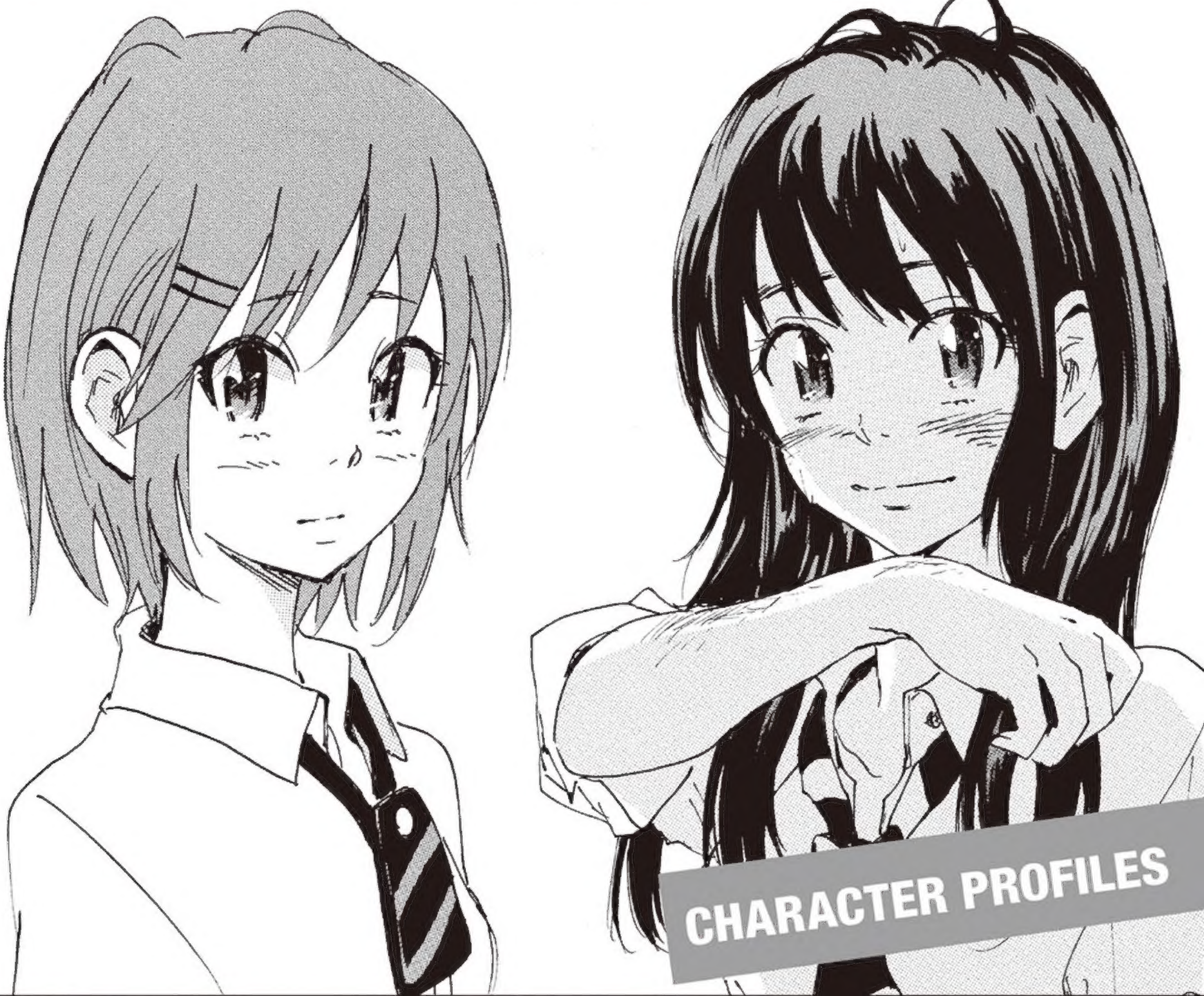

CHARACTER PROFILES

AOI FUKASAKU

(HIGH SCHOOL FIRST-YEAR)

The Medical Unit's cheerful icebreaker. Aoi has a bottomless stomach, and although she constantly complains, her bright personality lifts the others up despite the disheartening conditions in Tokyo. There seems to be a mysterious power sleeping inside her...

IBARA NARUSE

(HIGH SCHOOL THIRD-YEAR)

Leader of the Coppelion Medical Unit. She possesses staggering athletic ability, and her combat skills are excellent. Relying on her strong conviction to save everyone in Tokyo to give her strength, she leads the search for survivors. Her speech can be a bit rough.

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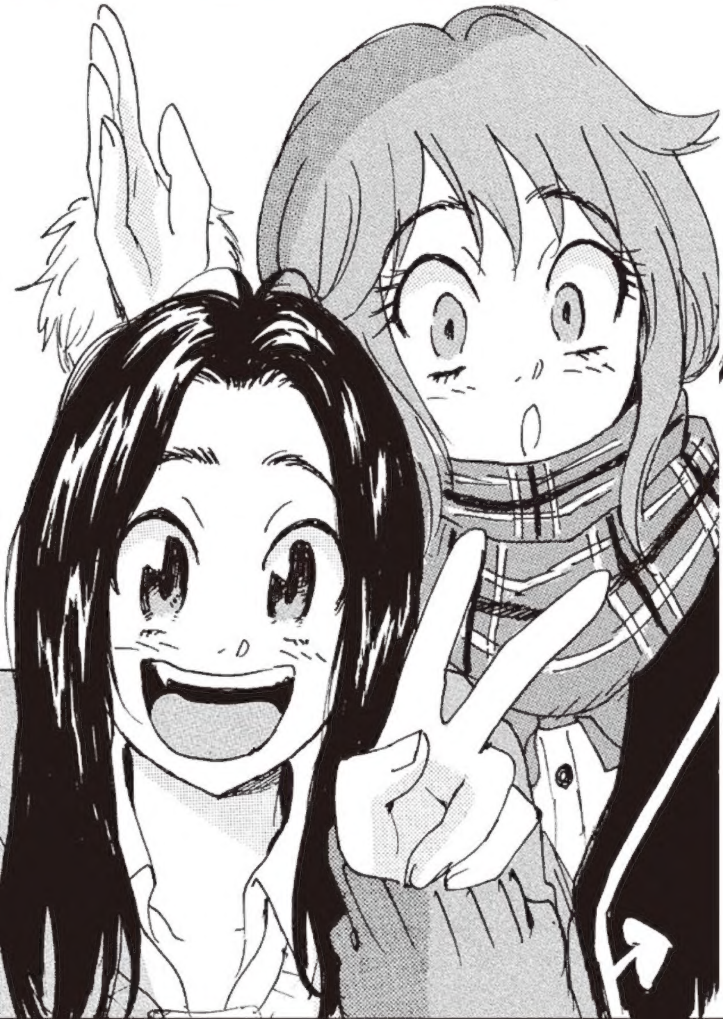
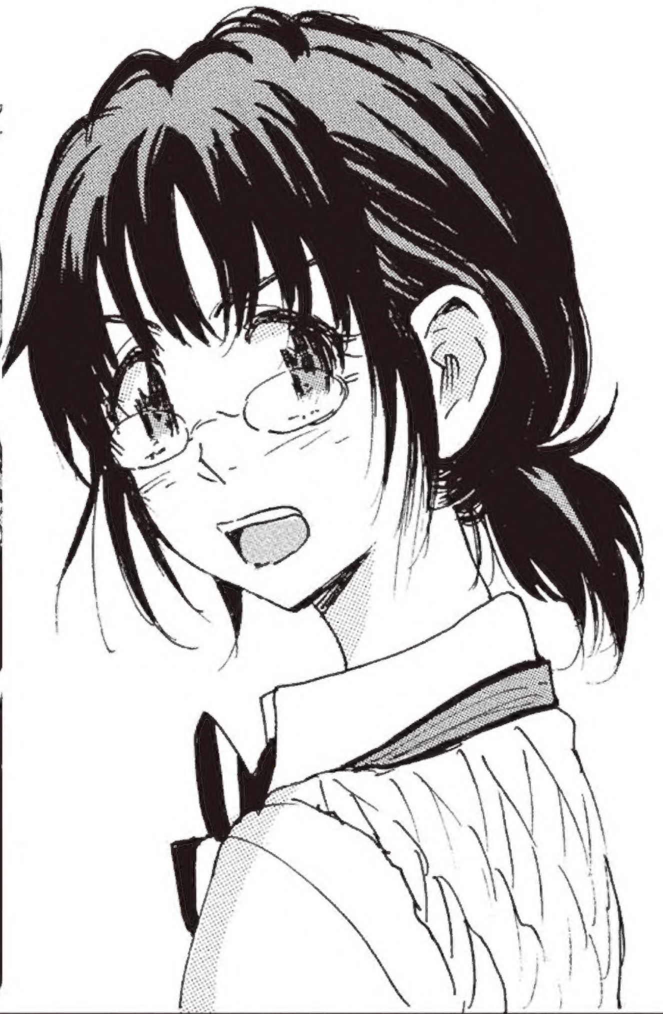




OZU SISTERS

(HIGH SCHOOL THIRD-YEARS)

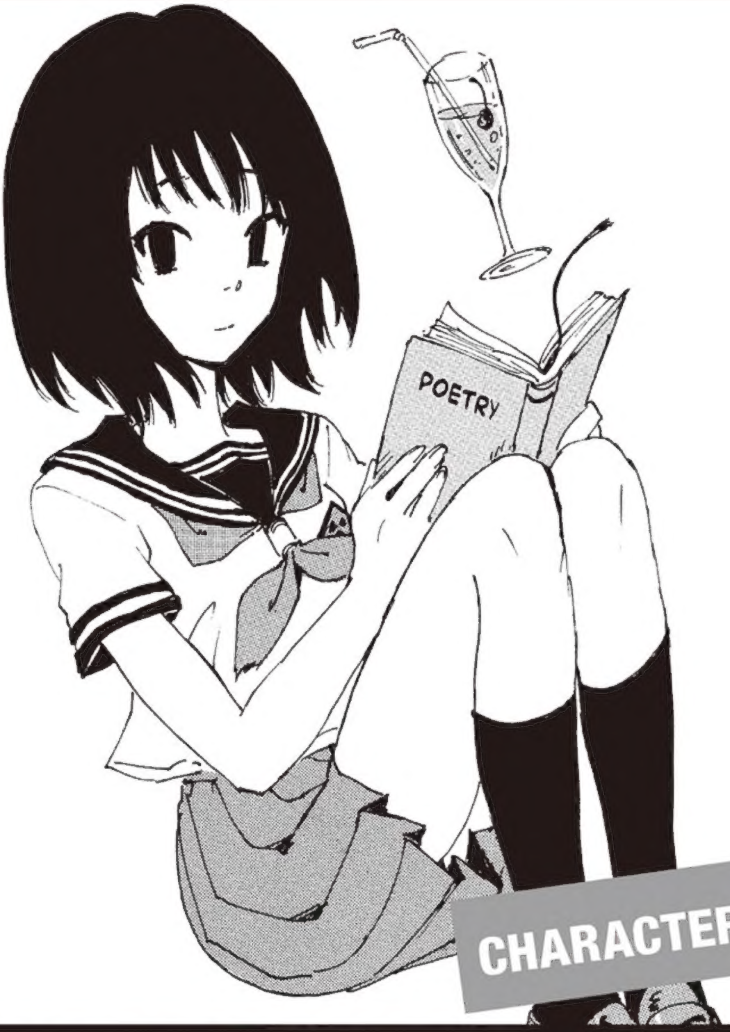
Twin sisters in the Cleanup Crew. Kanon (right), the older sister, can generate lightning, and Shion (left), the younger sister, has super strength. They're both incredibly violent, but reformed after their battle with Ibara.

TAEKO NOMURA

(HIGH SCHOOL FIRST-YEAR)

The Medical Unit's comforting member. She's quite knowledgeable and has superhuman senses (she wears glasses to reduce her eyesight to 10% of its true strength, because she sees too far). She loves animals.

ELION
KEEP OUT



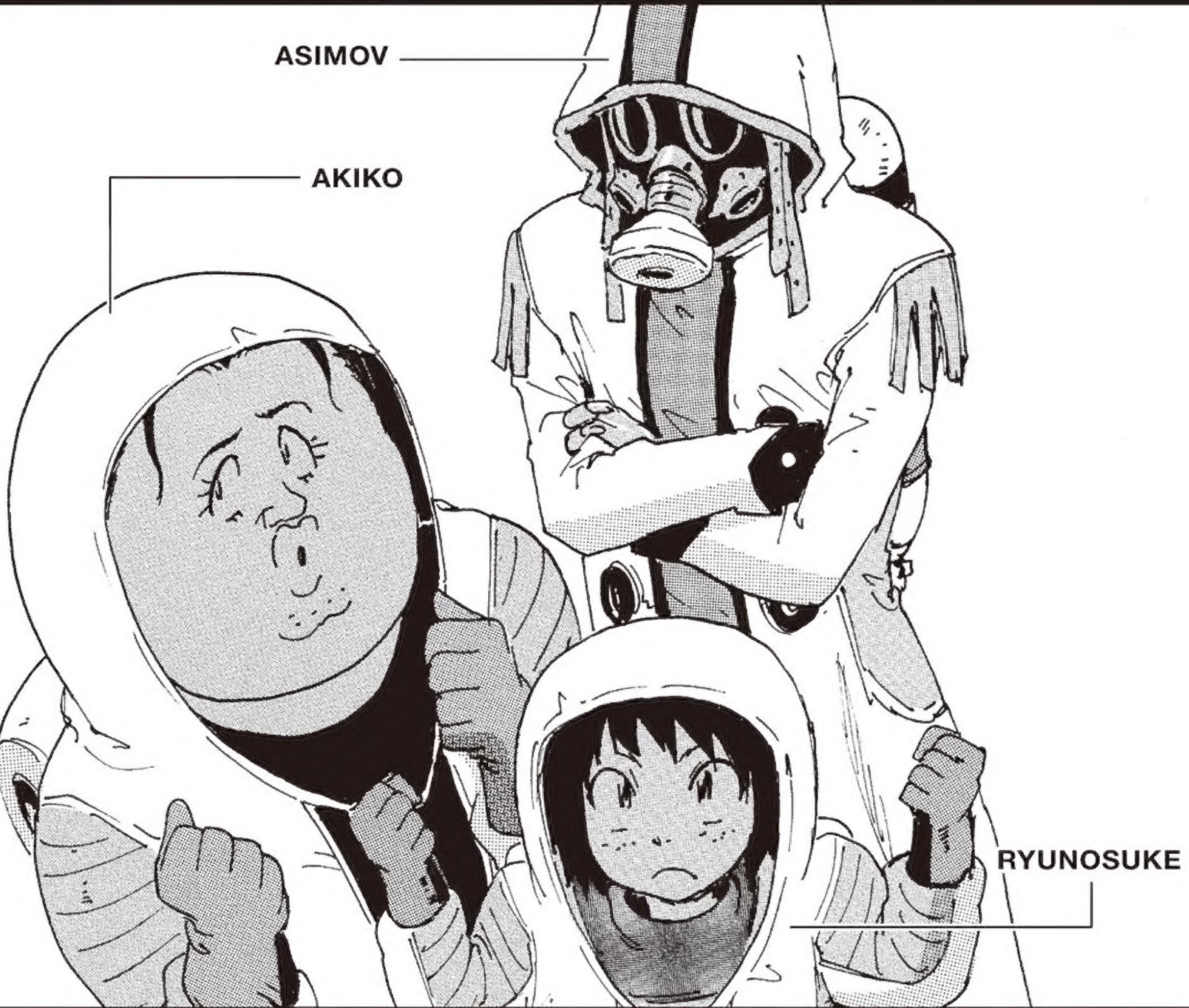
CHARACTER PROFILES

MANA TSUBURAYA

(HIGH SCHOOL SECOND-YEAR)

A second-year Coppelion. She's a defect with a "bug"—her body releases neutrons. She seems to be able to harness incredible energy to create shockwaves, but the rest is a mystery...

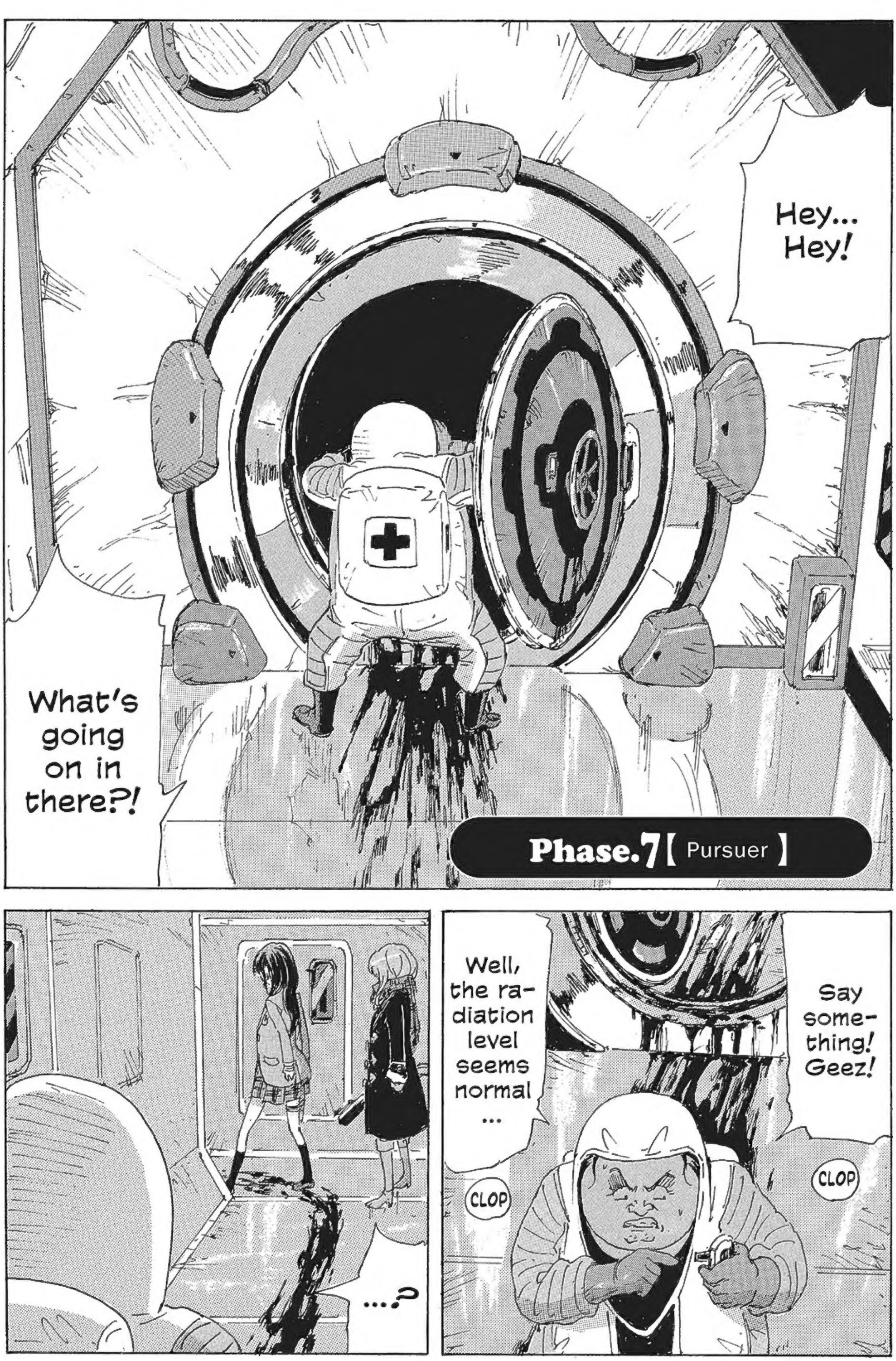
COPP
KEEP OUT

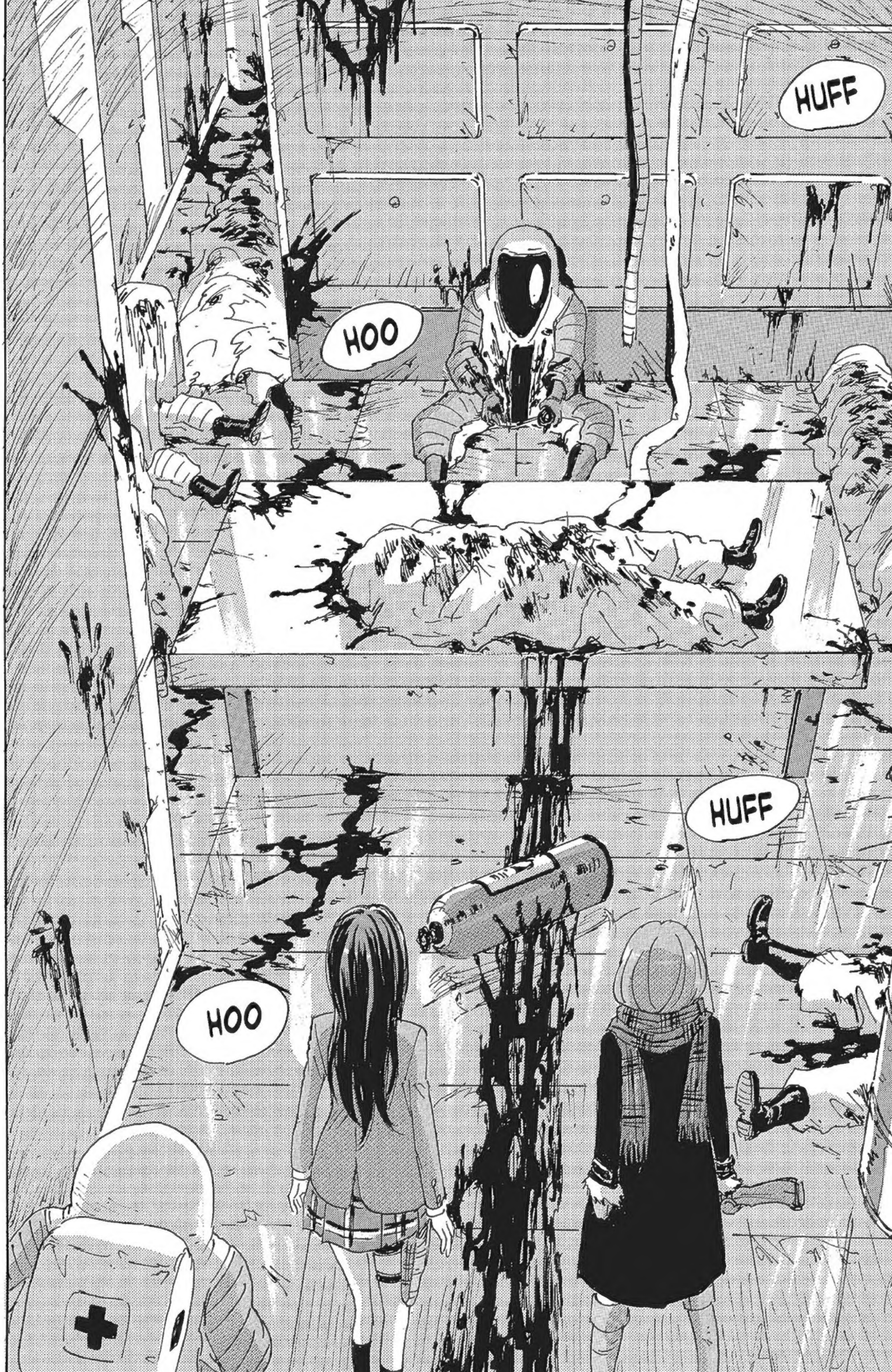

ASIMOV
AKIKO
RYUNOSUKE

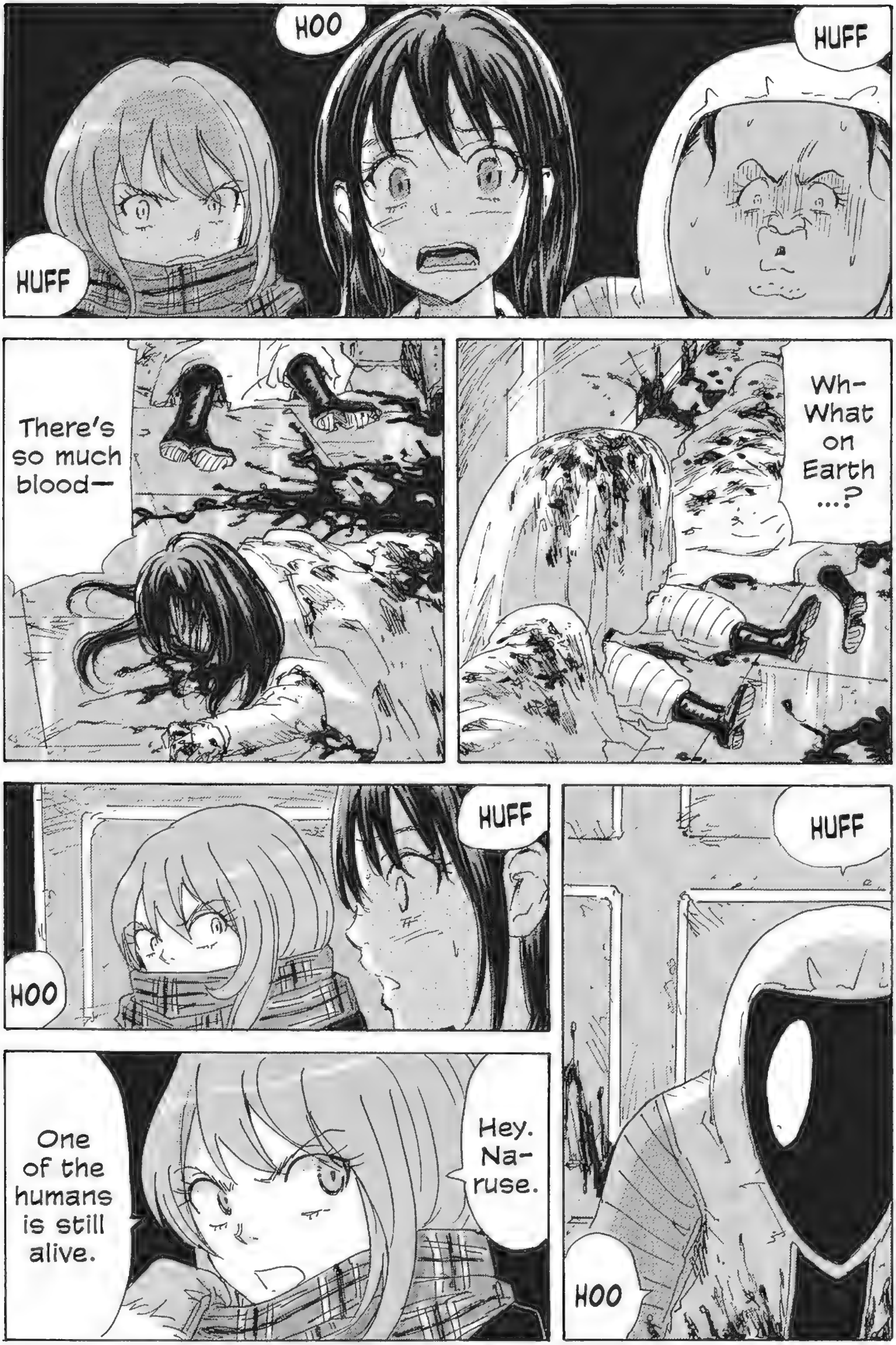
SHIBUYA AREA SURVIVORS

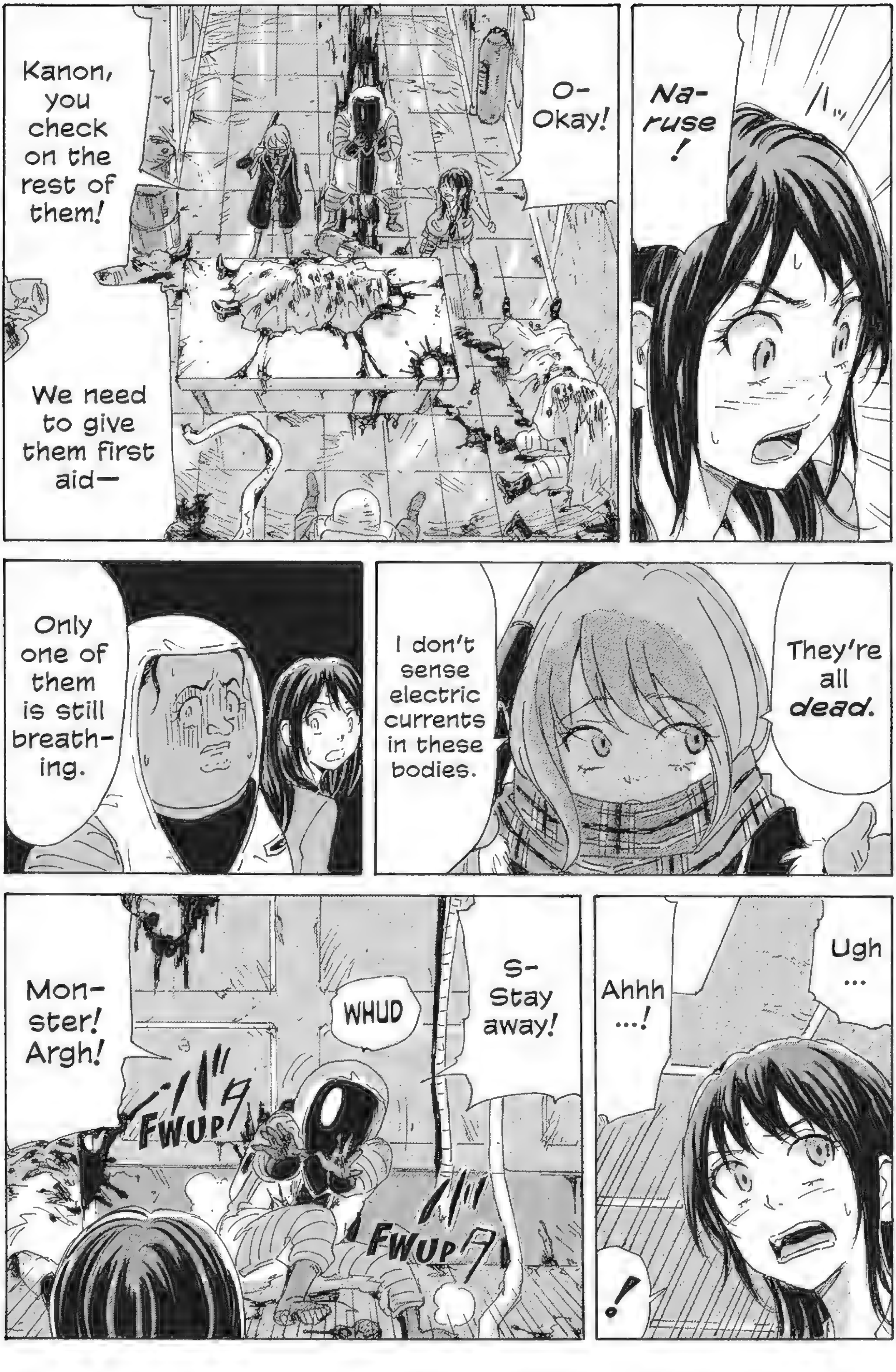
The survivors who live in the Shibuya shelter. They came to Shinjuku to get supplies from another group of survivors in Shinjuku, who'd moved there after they had a falling out. On the way, they ran into Mana Tsuburaya, but Ibara showed up just in time to save them.

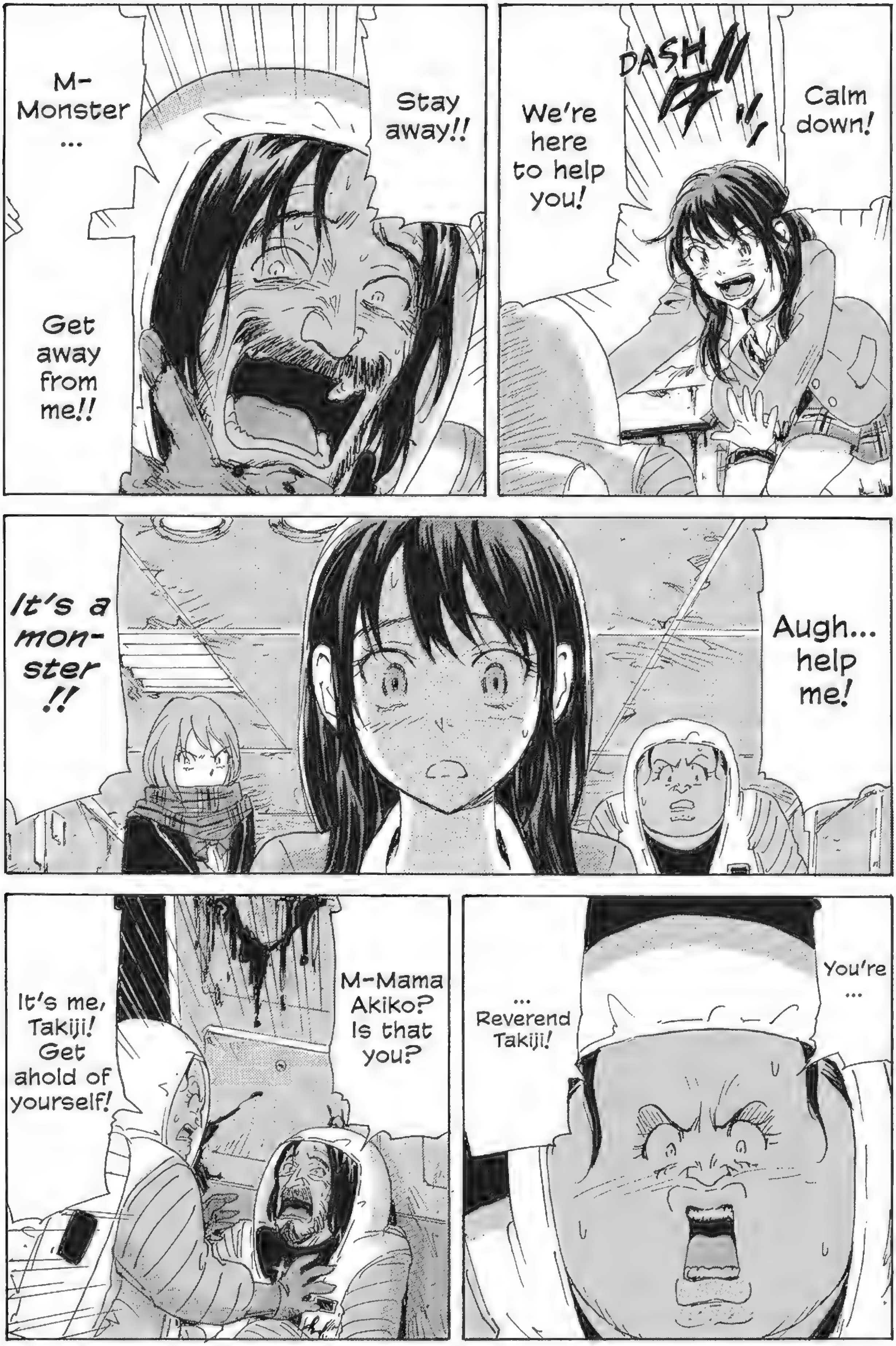
Phase.7【Pursuer】

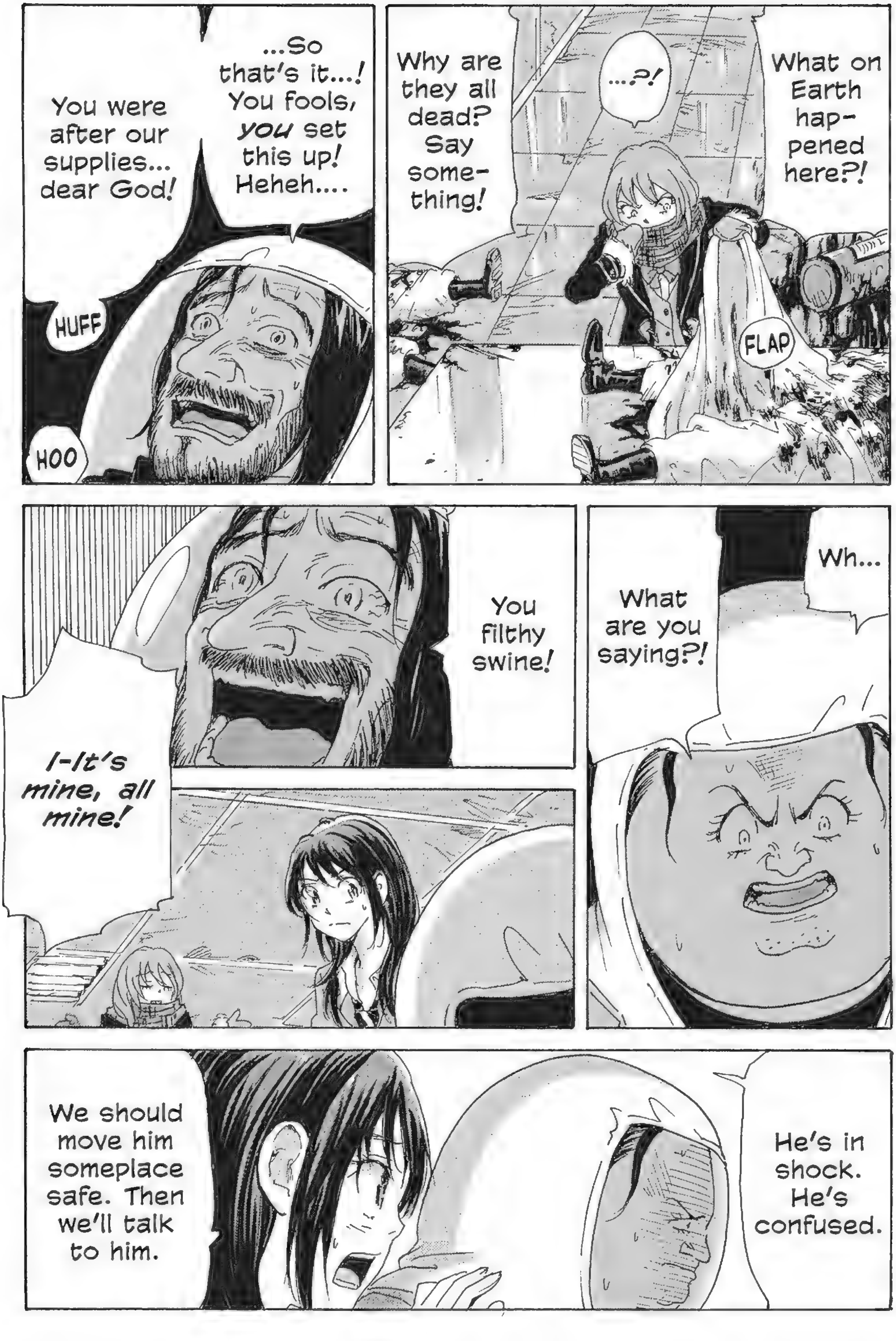

Hey... Hey!
What's going on in there?!
Say something! Geez!
CLOP
Well, the radiation level seems normal...
CLOP
...?

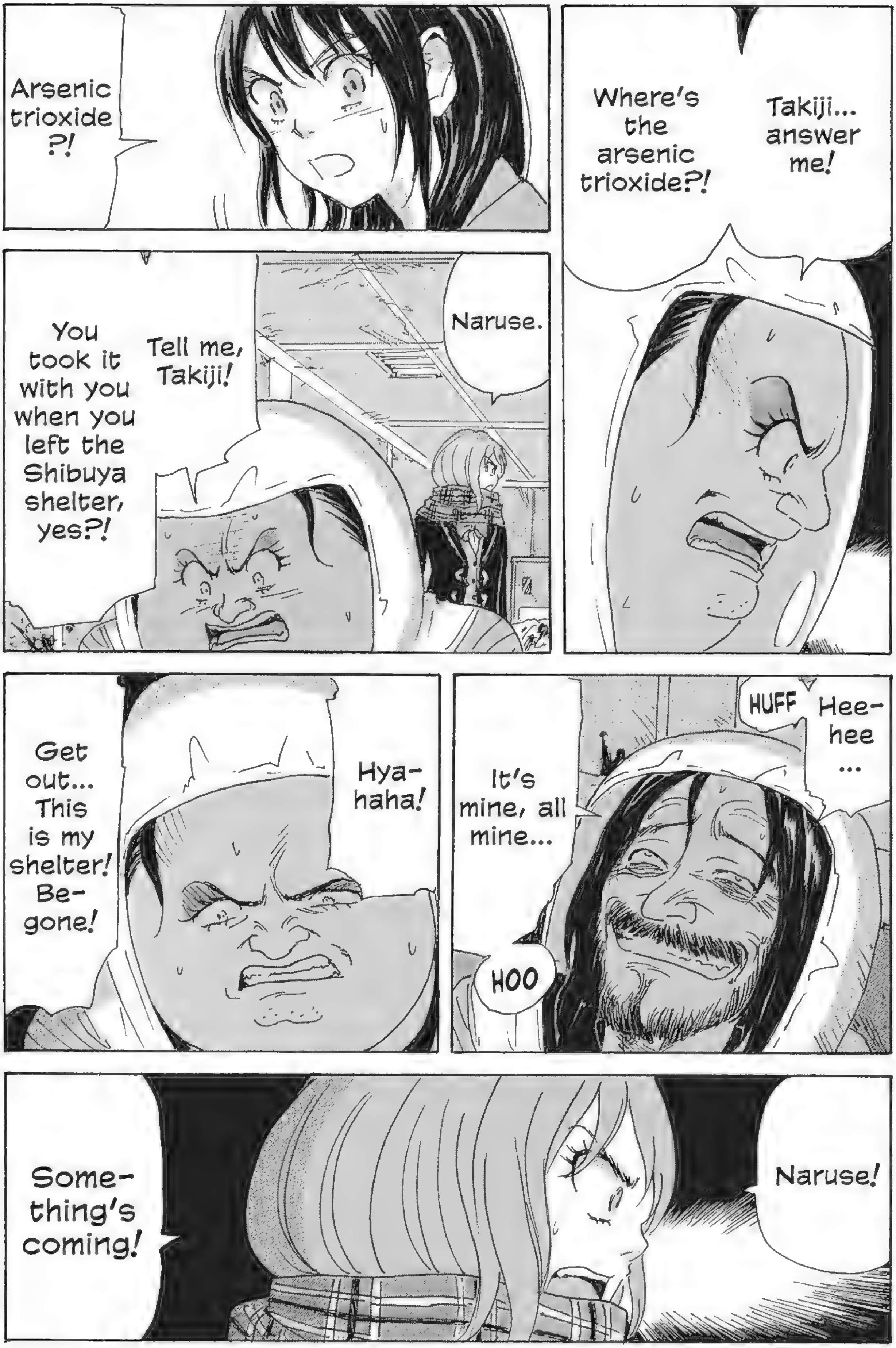

HUFF
HOO
HUFF
HOO

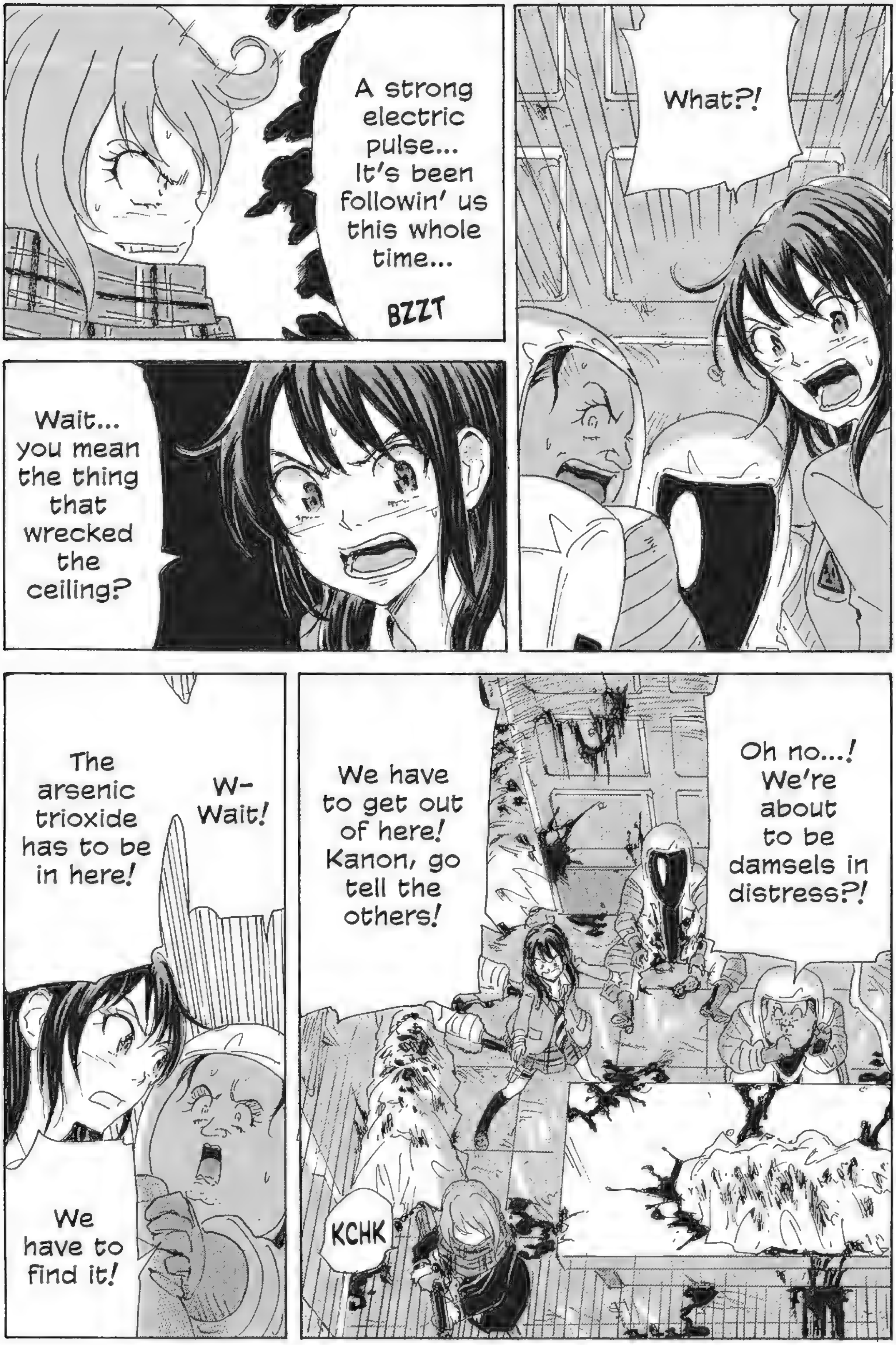

HUFF
HOO
HUFF
Wh- What on Earth ...?
There's so much blood—
HUFF
HOO
HUFF
HOO
Hey. Naruse.
One of the humans is still alive.

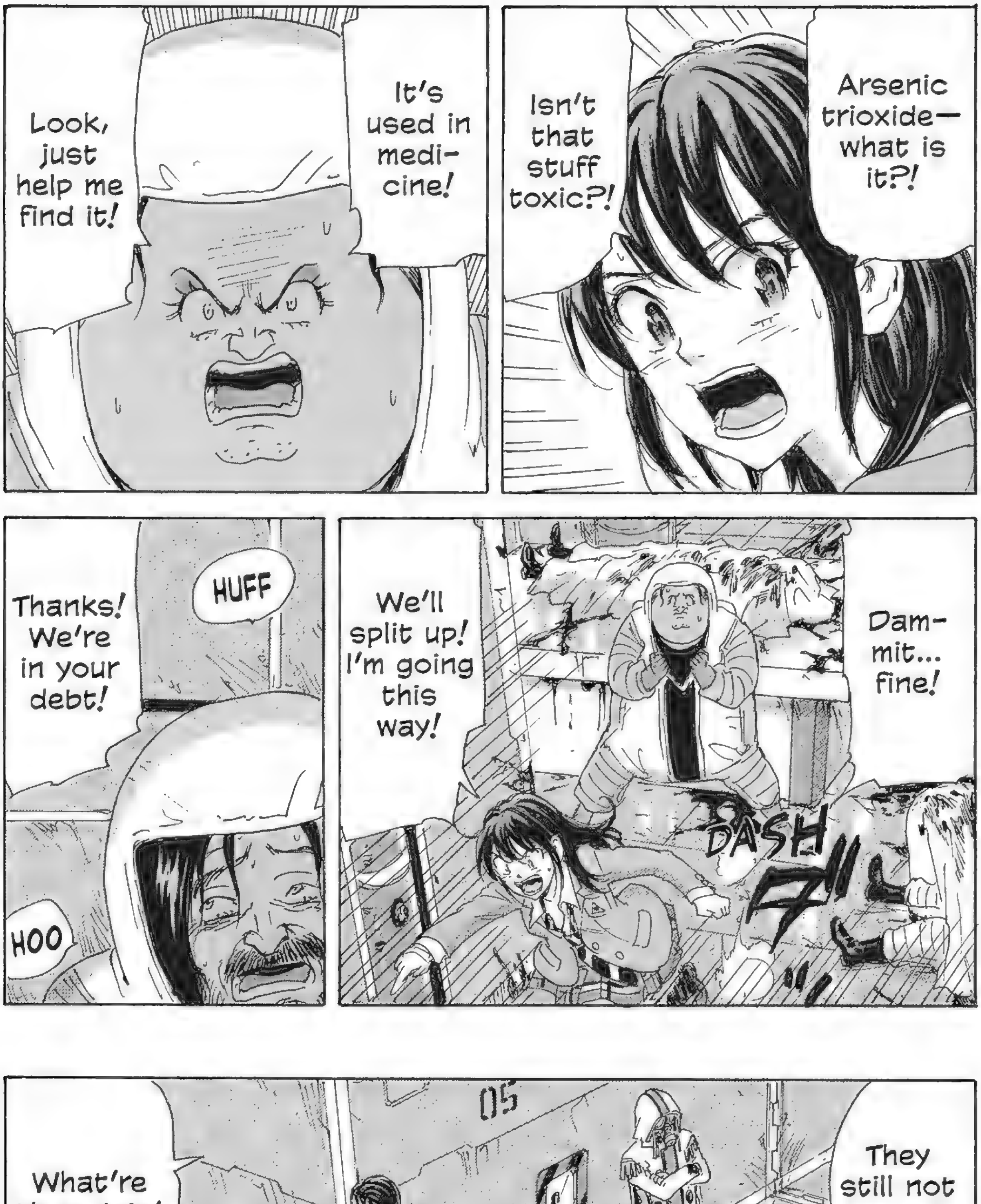

Na-ruse!
Kanon, you check on the rest of them!
O-Okay!
We need to give them first aid—
They're all *dead*.
I don't sense electric currents in these bodies.
Only one of them is still breathing.
Ugh...
Ahhh...!
!
S-Stay away!
WHUD
Monster! Argh!
FWUP
FWUP

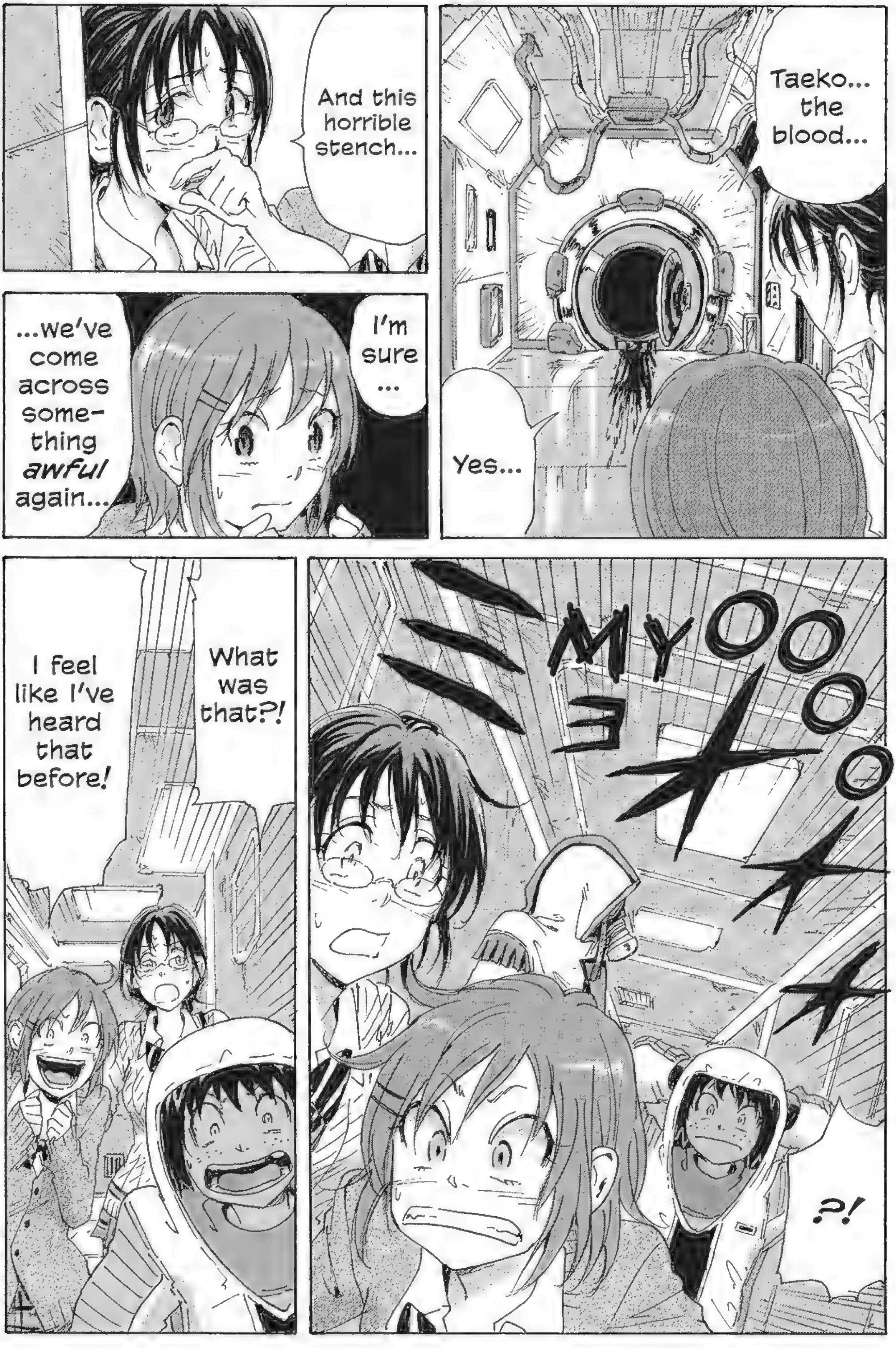

Calm down!
DASH
We're here to help you!
Stay away!!
M-Monster...
Get away from me!!
Augh... help me!
It's a monster!!
You're...
... Reverend Takiji!
M-Mama Akiko? Is that you?
It's me, Takiji! Get ahold of yourself!

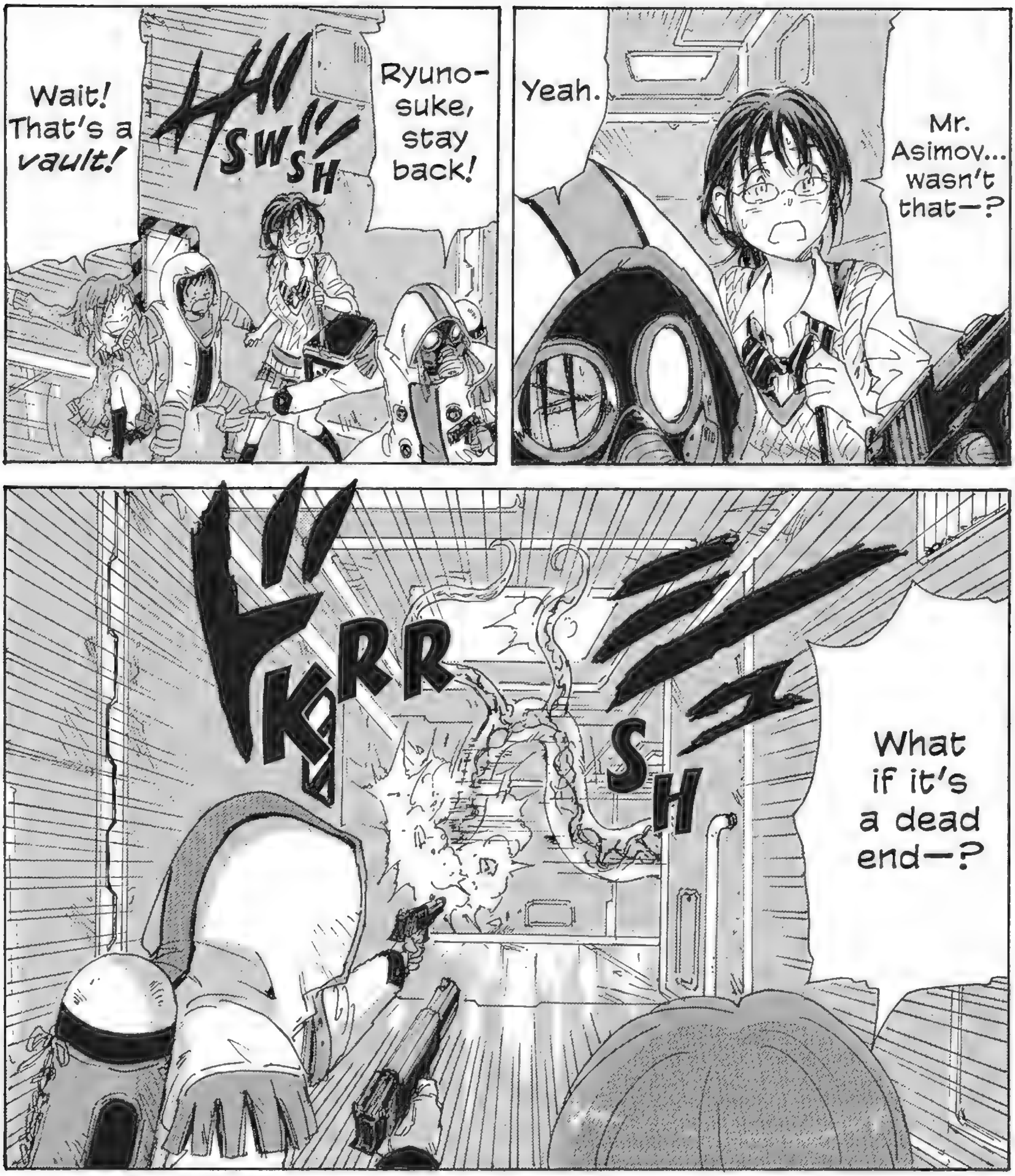

What on Earth happened here?!
...?!
Why are they all dead? Say something!
FLAP
...So that's it...! You fools, *you* set this up! Heheh....
You were after our supplies... dear God!
HUFF
HOO
Wh...
What are you saying?!
You filthy swine!
I-It's mine, all mine!
He's in shock. He's confused.
We should move him someplace safe. Then we'll talk to him.

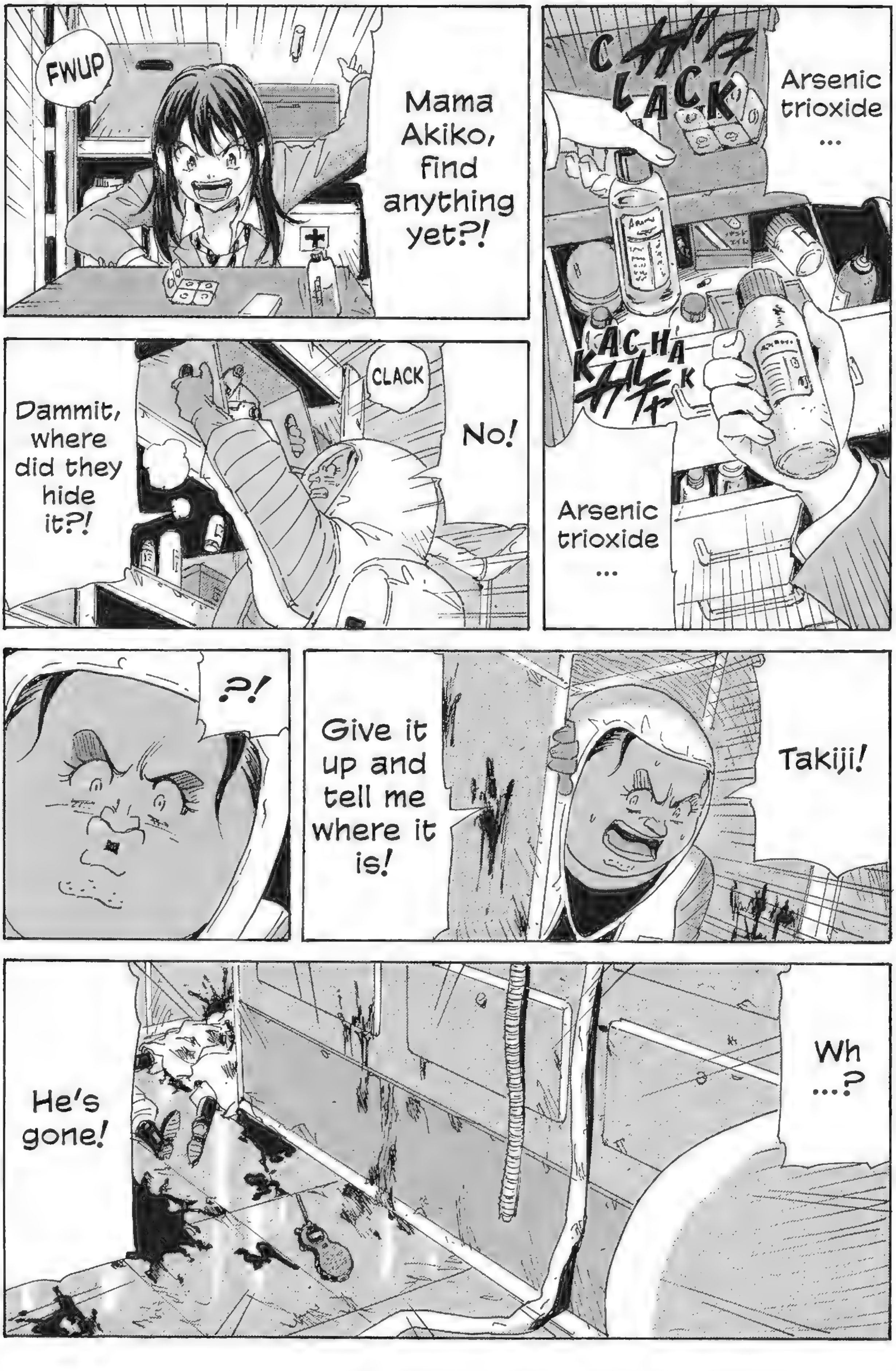

Takiji... answer me!
Where's the arsenic trioxide?!
Arsenic trioxide?!
Naruse.
Tell me, Takiji!
You took it with you when you left the Shibuya shelter, yes?!
Hee-hee...
HUFF
It's mine, all mine...
HOO
Hya-haha!
Get out... This is my shelter! Be-gone!
Naruse!
Some-thing's coming!

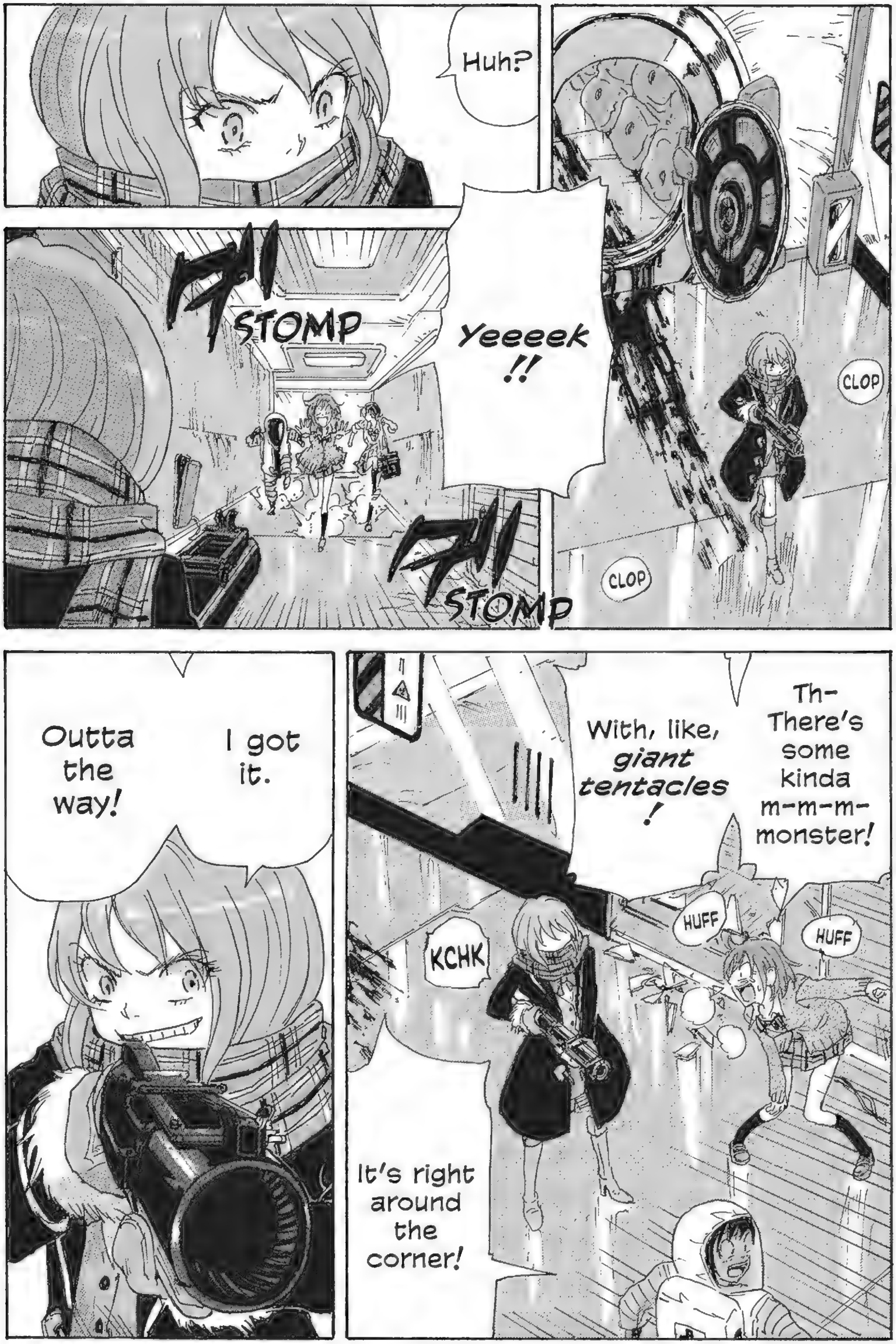

A strong electric pulse... It's been followin' us this whole time...
BZZT
What?!
Wait... you mean the thing that wrecked the ceiling?
Oh no...! We're about to be damsels in distress?!
We have to get out of here! Kanon, go tell the others!
KCHK
W-Wait!
The arsenic trioxide has to be in here!
We have to find it!

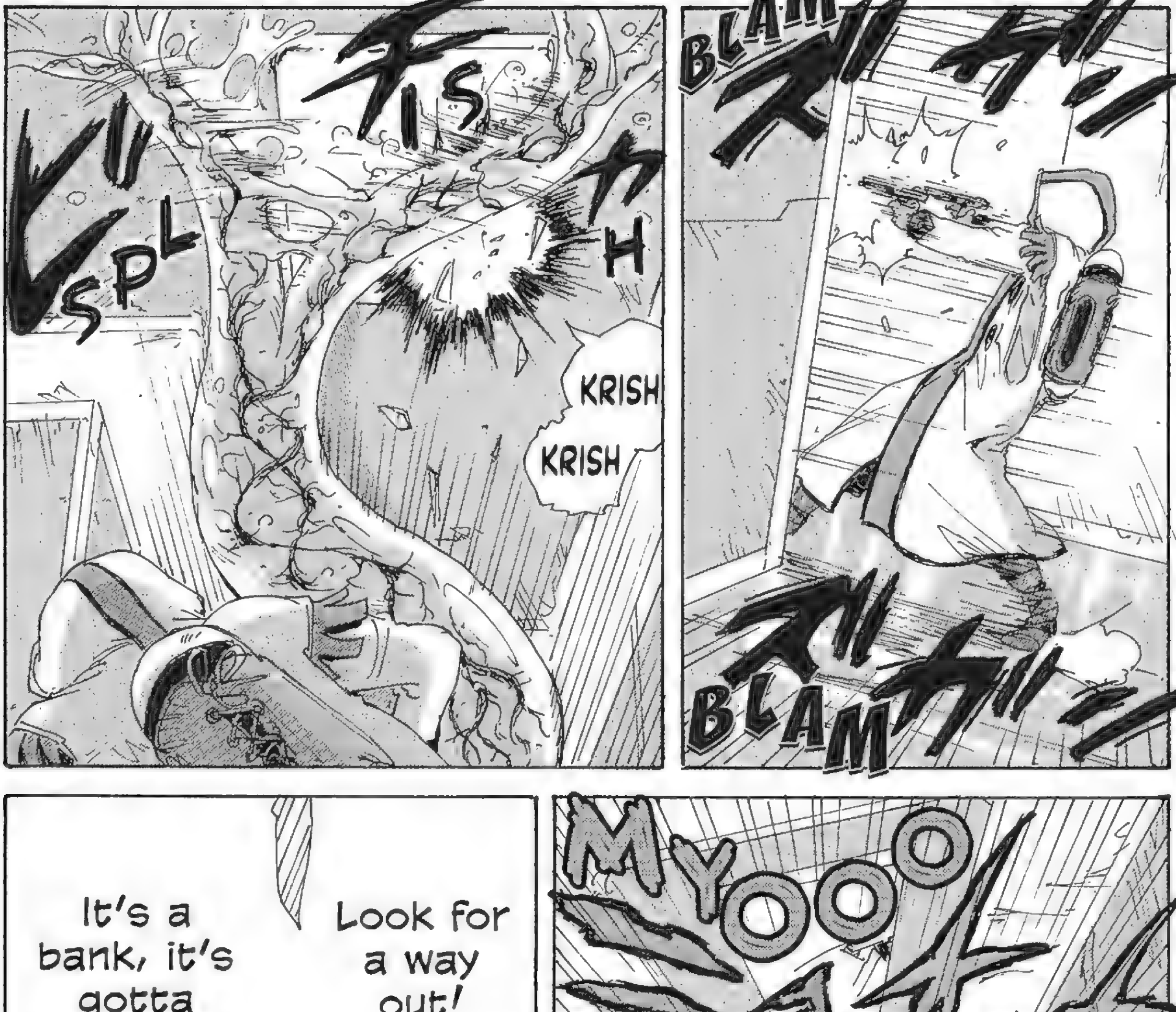

Arsenic trioxide—what is it?!
Isn't that stuff toxic?!
It's used in medicine!
Look, just help me find it!
Dammit... fine!
We'll split up! I'm going this way!
DASH
HUFF
Thanks! We're in your debt!
HOO
05
They still not back?
What're they doin' in there?

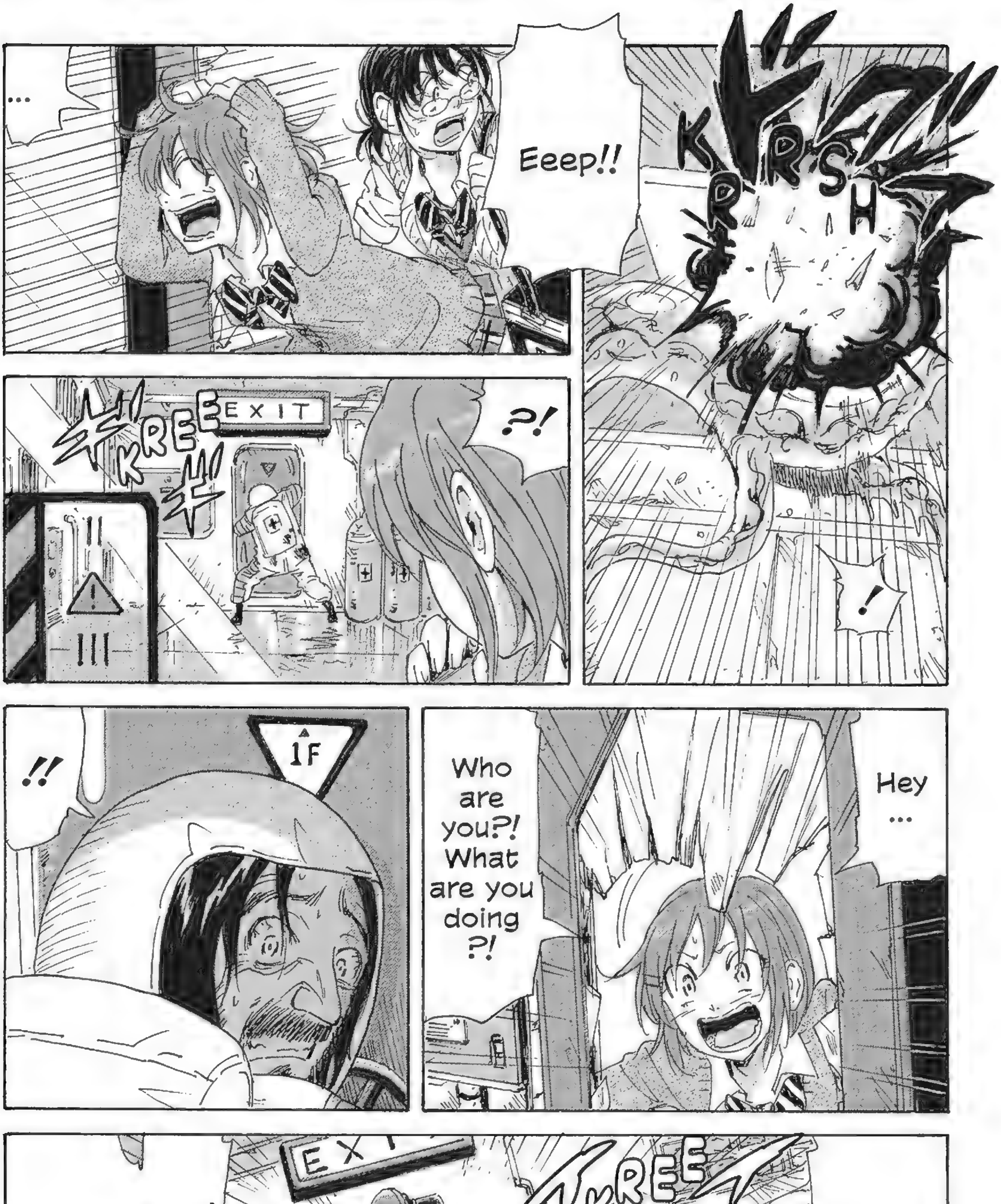

Taeko... the blood...
Yes...
And this horrible stench...
I'm sure ...
...we've come across something *awful* again...
MYOOOOO
?!
What was that?!
I feel like I've heard that before!

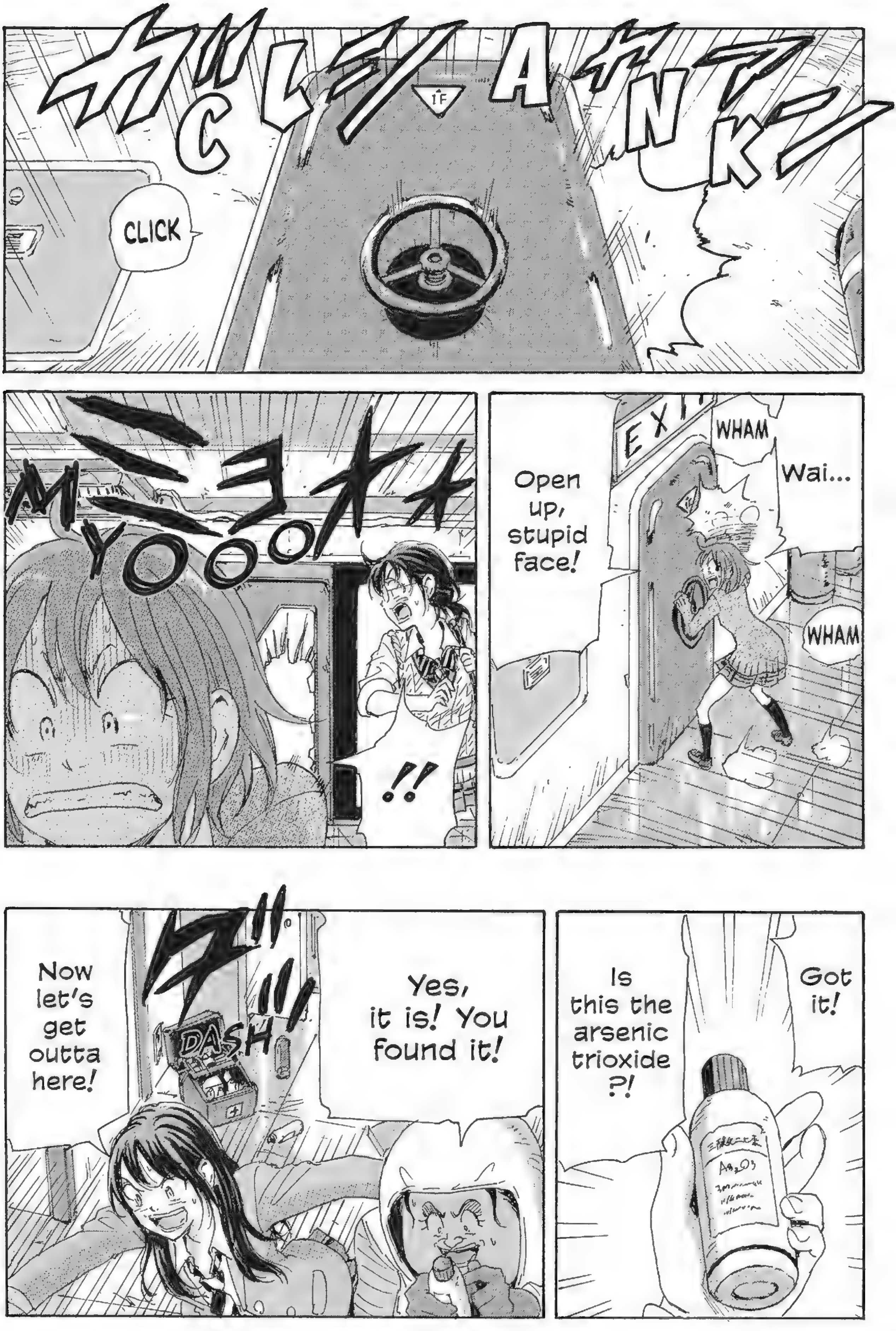

Mr. Asimov... wasn't that—?
Yeah.
Ryunosuke, stay back!
SWSH
Wait! That's a vault!
KRRSH
What if it's a dead end—?
MEYOOOO

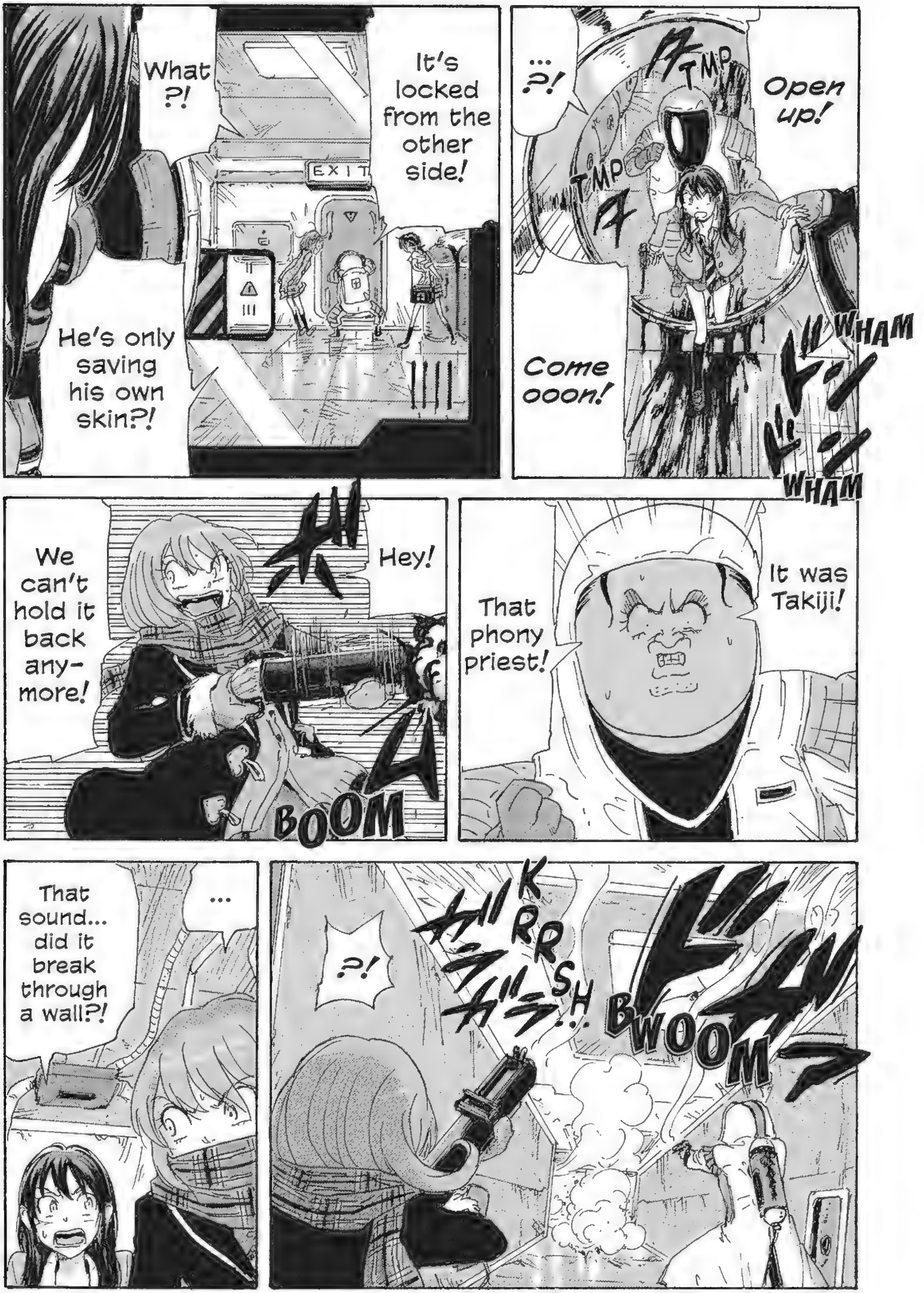

CLACK
Arsenic trioxide ...
KACHAK
Arsenic trioxide ...
FWUP
Mama Akiko, find anything yet?!
CLACK
No!
Dammit, where did they hide it?!
Takiji!
Give it up and tell me where it is!
?!
Wh ...?
He's gone!

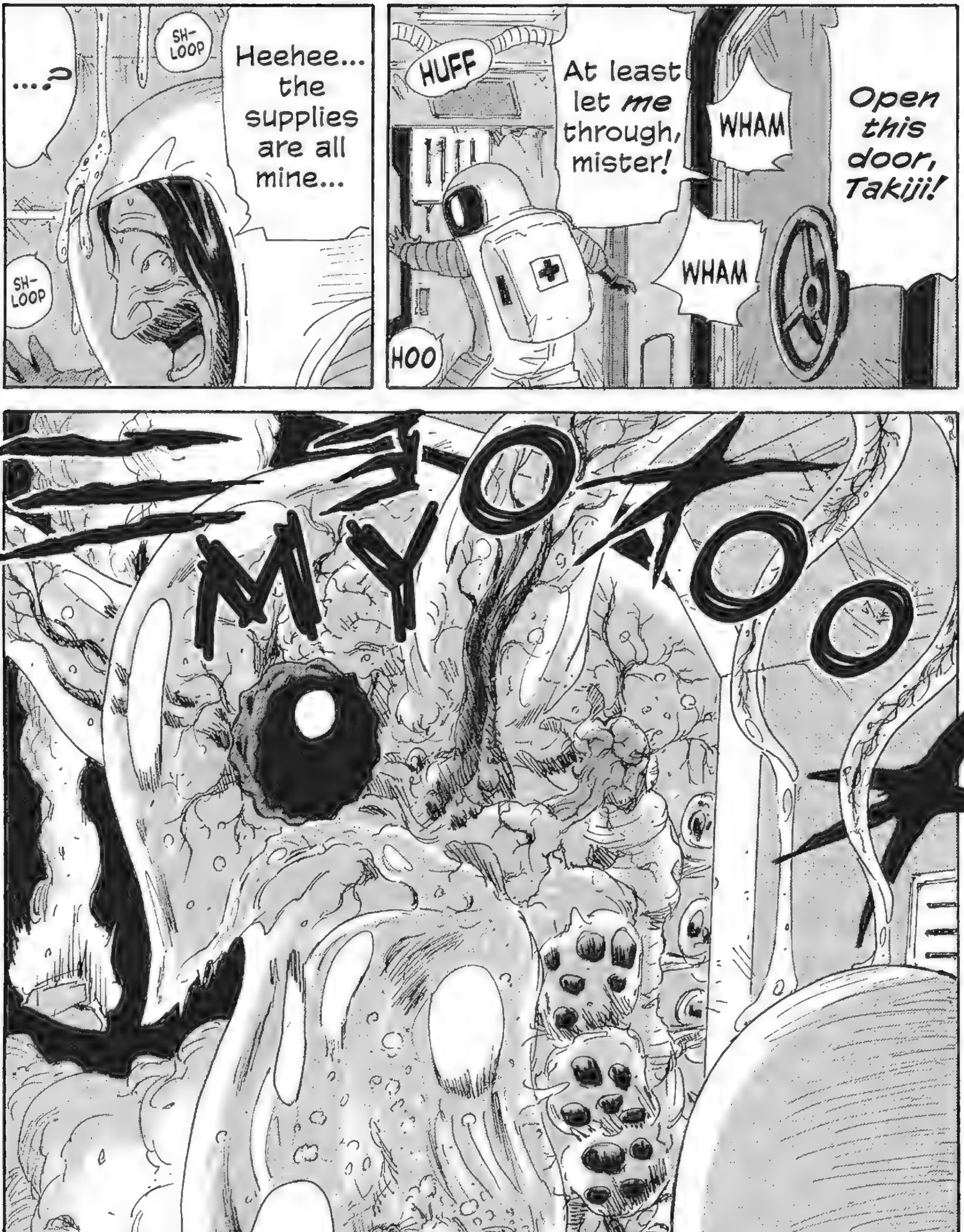

CLOP
CLOP
Huh?
Yeeeek!!
STOMP
STOMP
Th- There's some kinda m-m-m-monster!
With, like, *giant tentacles*!
HUFF
HUFF
KCHK
It's right around the corner!
I got it.
Outta the way!


BLAM
BLAM
FISH
SPL
KRISH
KRISH
MYOOO
KRISH
It's here!!
Wh-Wh-What now?!
Look for a way out!
It's a bank, it's gotta have an emergency exit!
BOOM

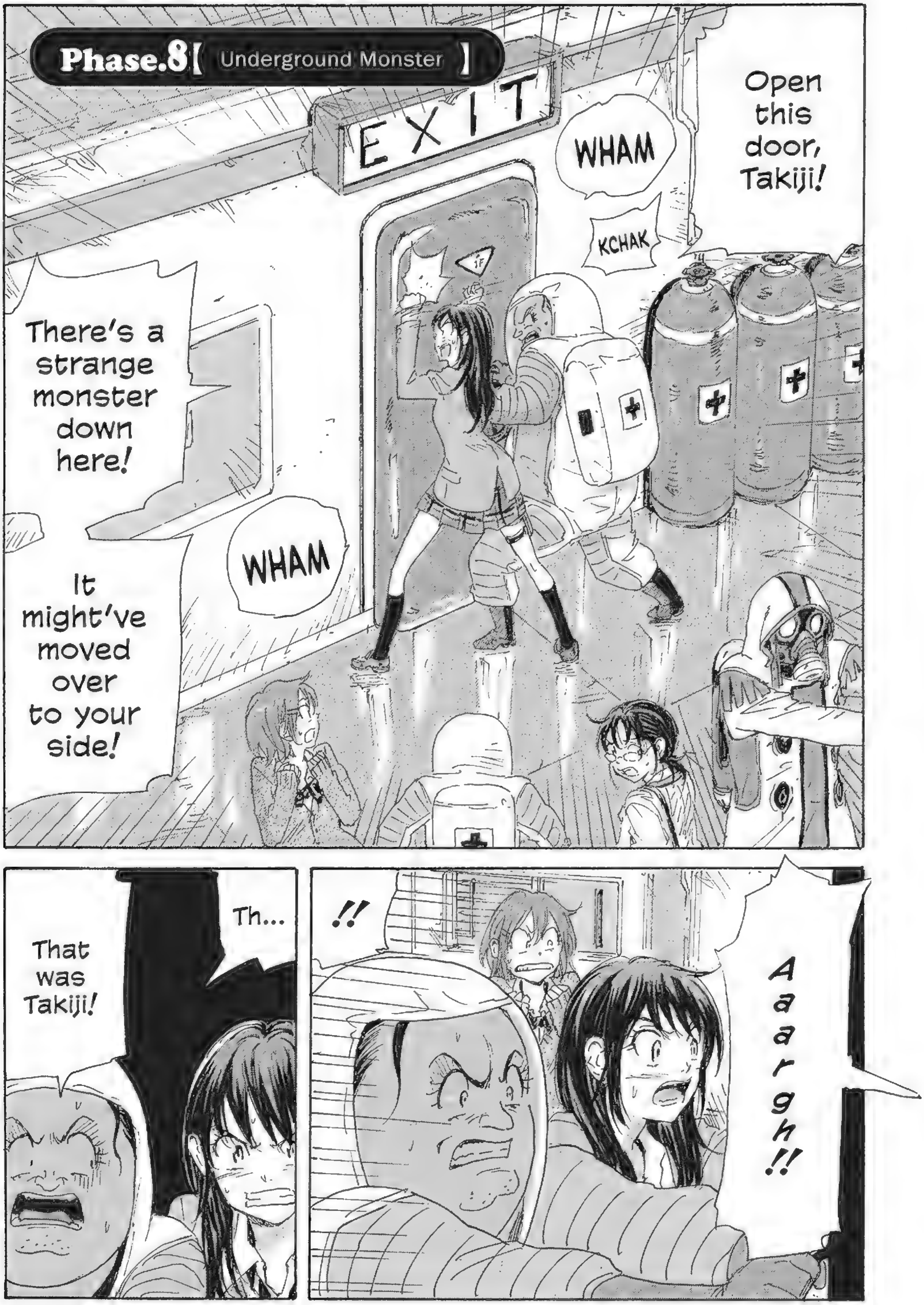

KRSH
!
Eeep!!
...
?!
EXIT
KREEK
Hey ...
Who are you?! What are you doing?!
1F
!!
Is that the emergency exit?!
KREE
EXIT
Wait!
Let us through too!

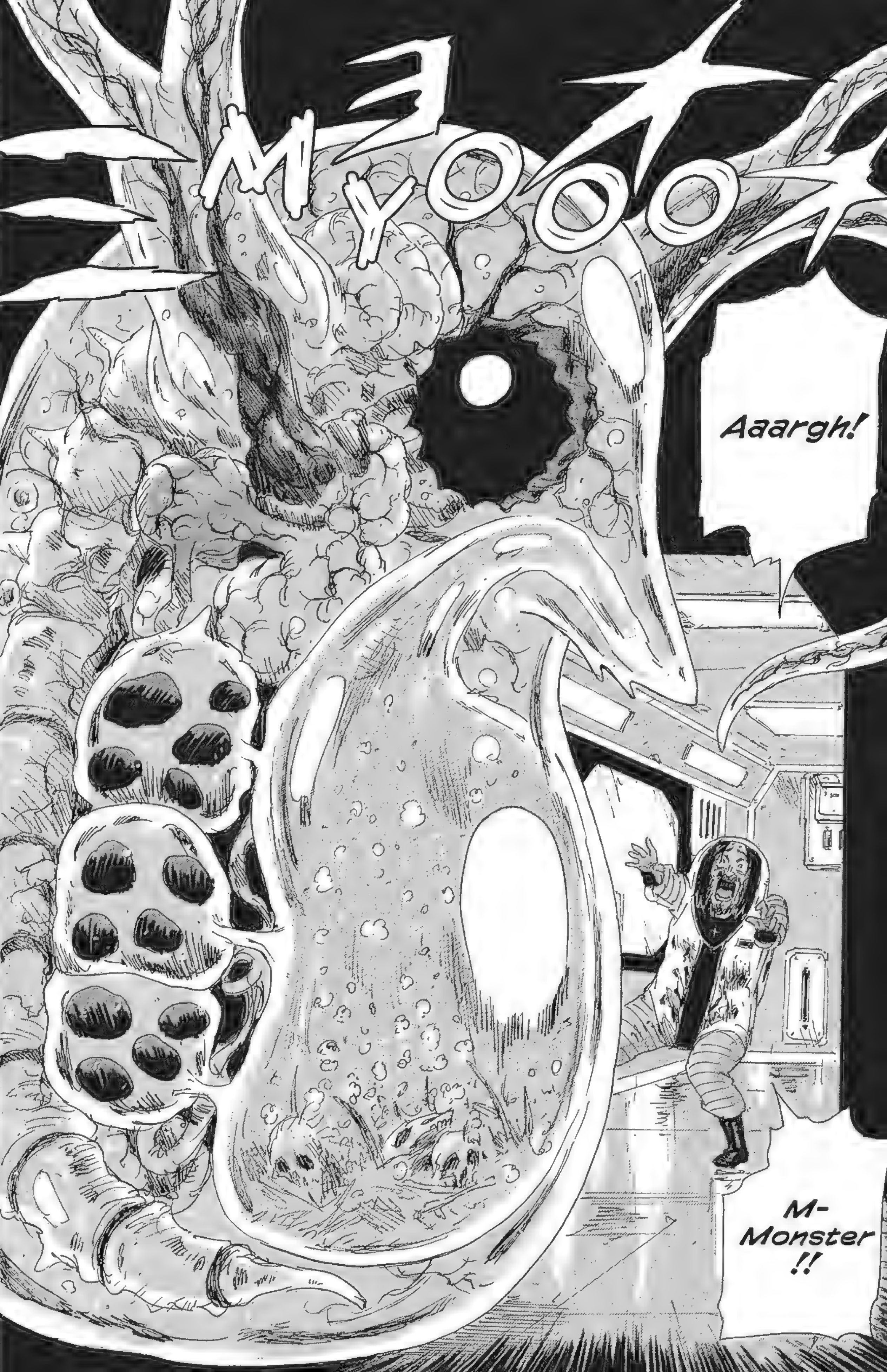

ガシャーン
CLANK
1F
CLICK
EXIT
WHAM
Wai...
Open up, stupid face!
WHAM
ミョオオ
MYOOO
!!
Got it!
Is this the arsenic trioxide?!
As_2O_3
Yes, it is! You found it!
Now let's get outta here!
ダッ
DASH

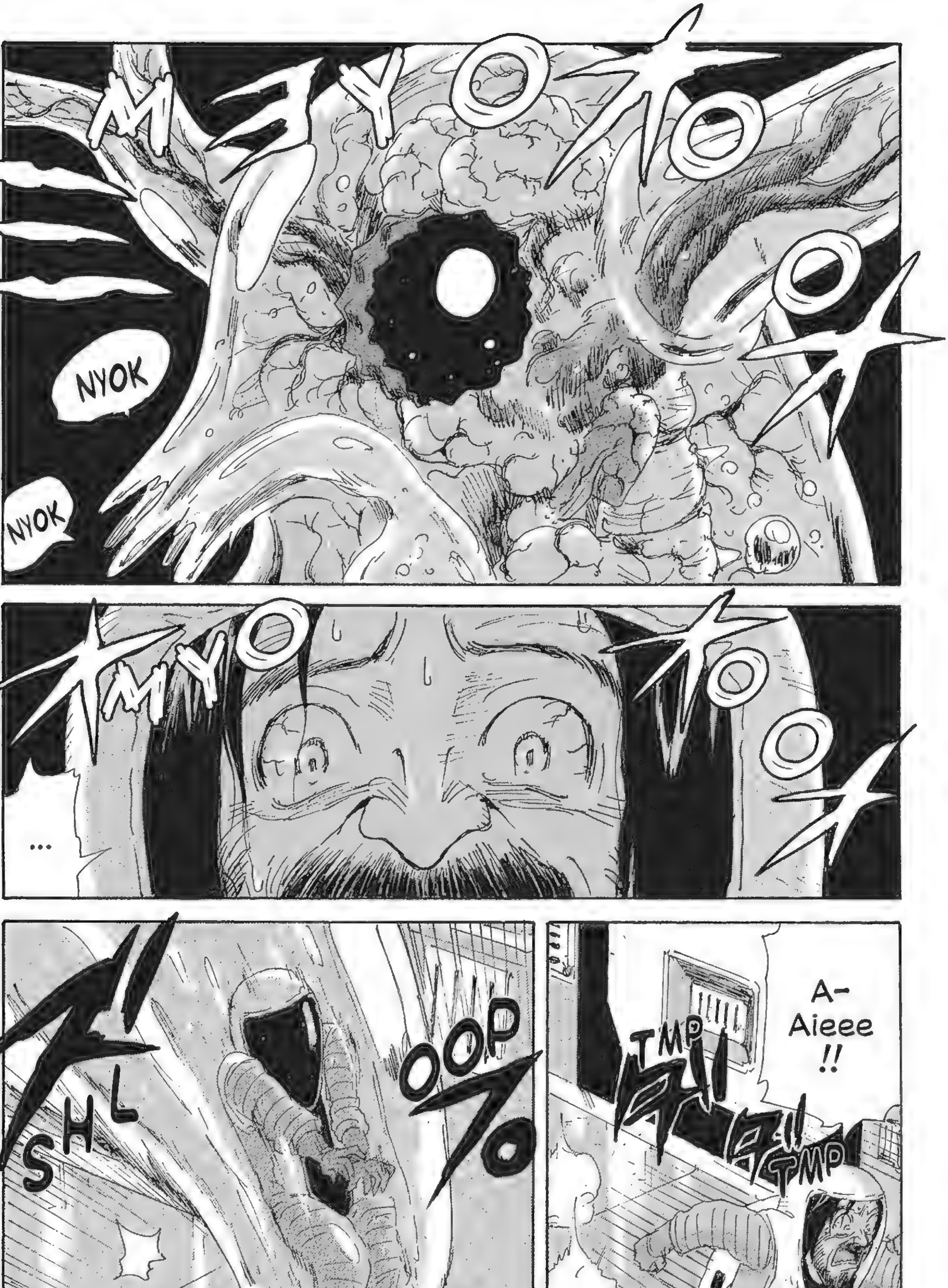
Open up!
TMP
TMP
...?!
Come ooon!
WHAM
WHAM
It's locked from the other side!
What?!
EXIT
He's only saving his own skin?!
It was Takiji!
That phony priest!
Hey!
We can't hold it back anymore!
BOOM
BWOOM
KRRSH
?!
...
That sound... did it break through a wall?!

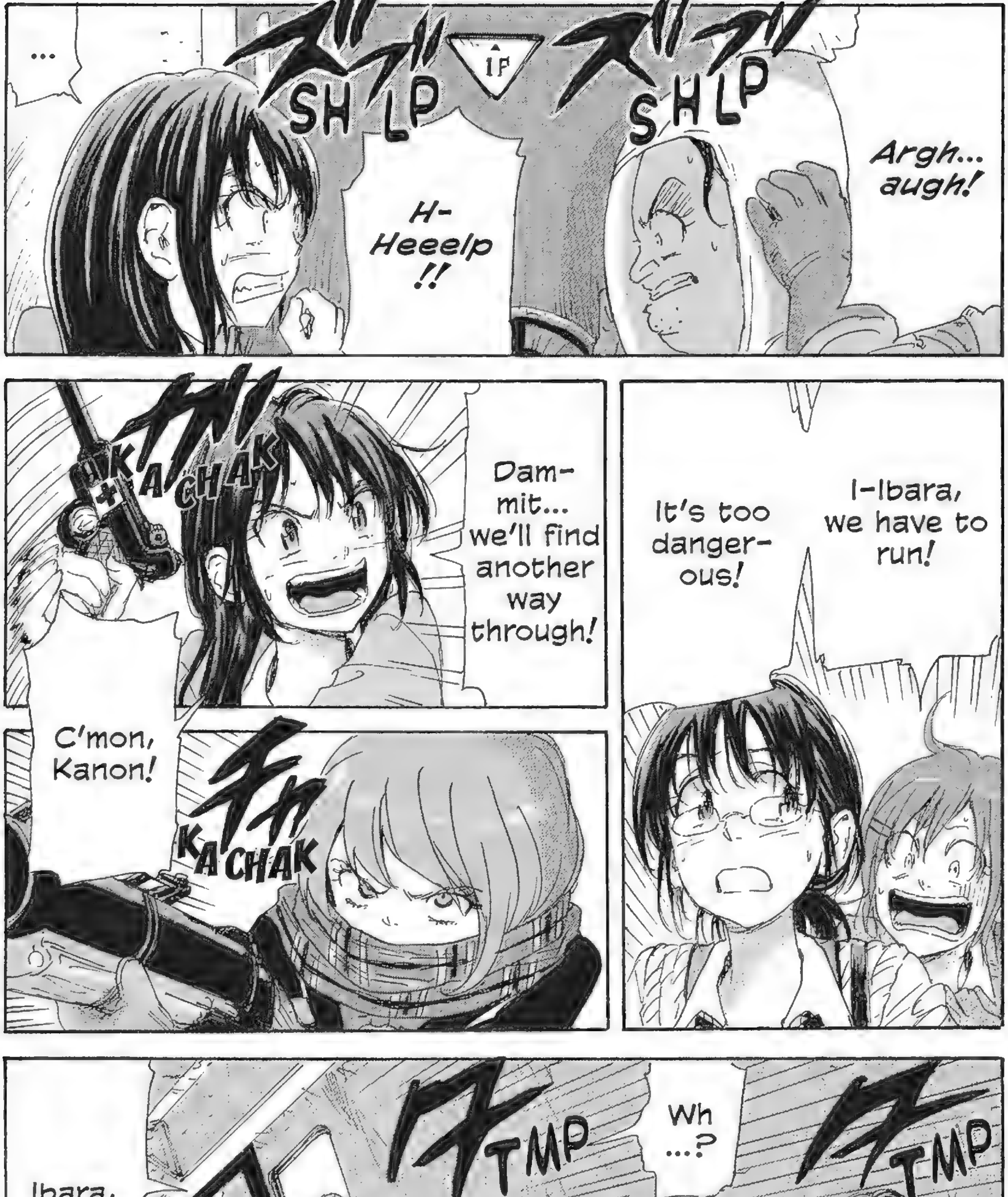

...?
SH-LOOP
Heehee... the supplies are all mine...
SH-LOOP
HUFF
At least let *me* through, mister!
WHAM
Open this door, Takiji!
WHAM
HOO
MYOOOOO
P-7 END

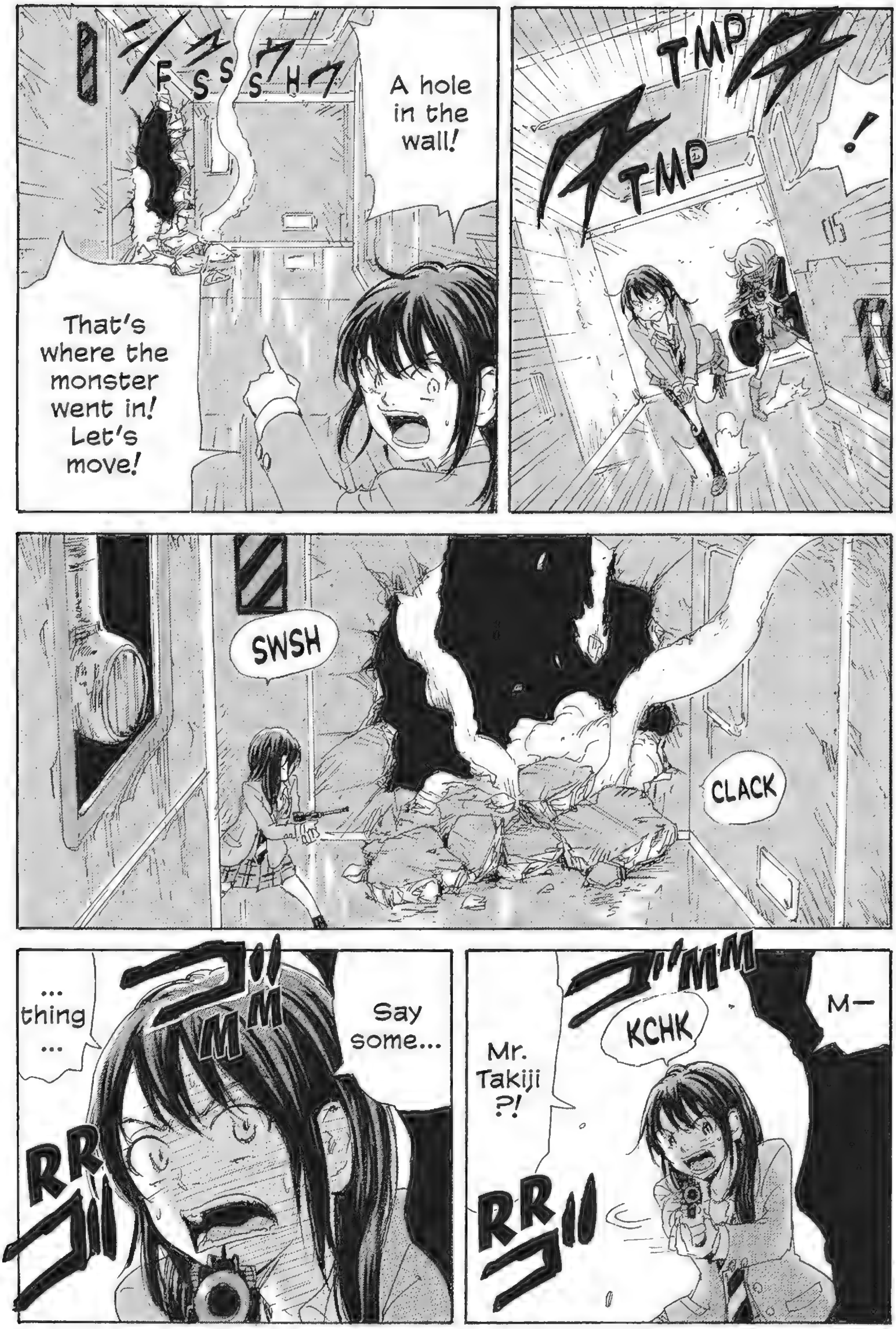
Phase.8 [Underground Monster]

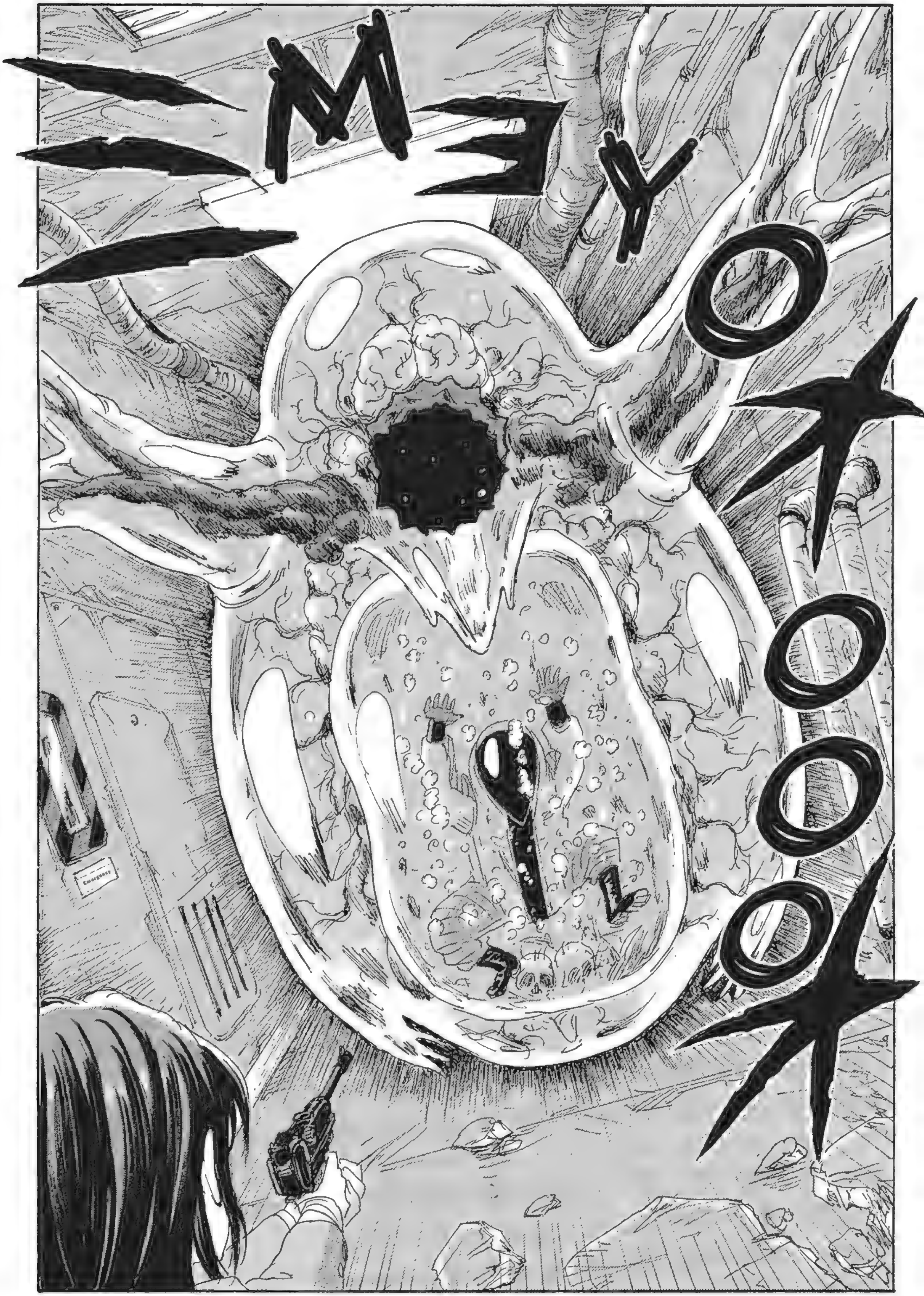

EXIT
1F
Open this door, Takiji!
WHAM
KCHAK
There's a strange monster down here!
It might've moved over to your side!
WHAM
!!
Aaargh!!
Th...
That was Takiji!

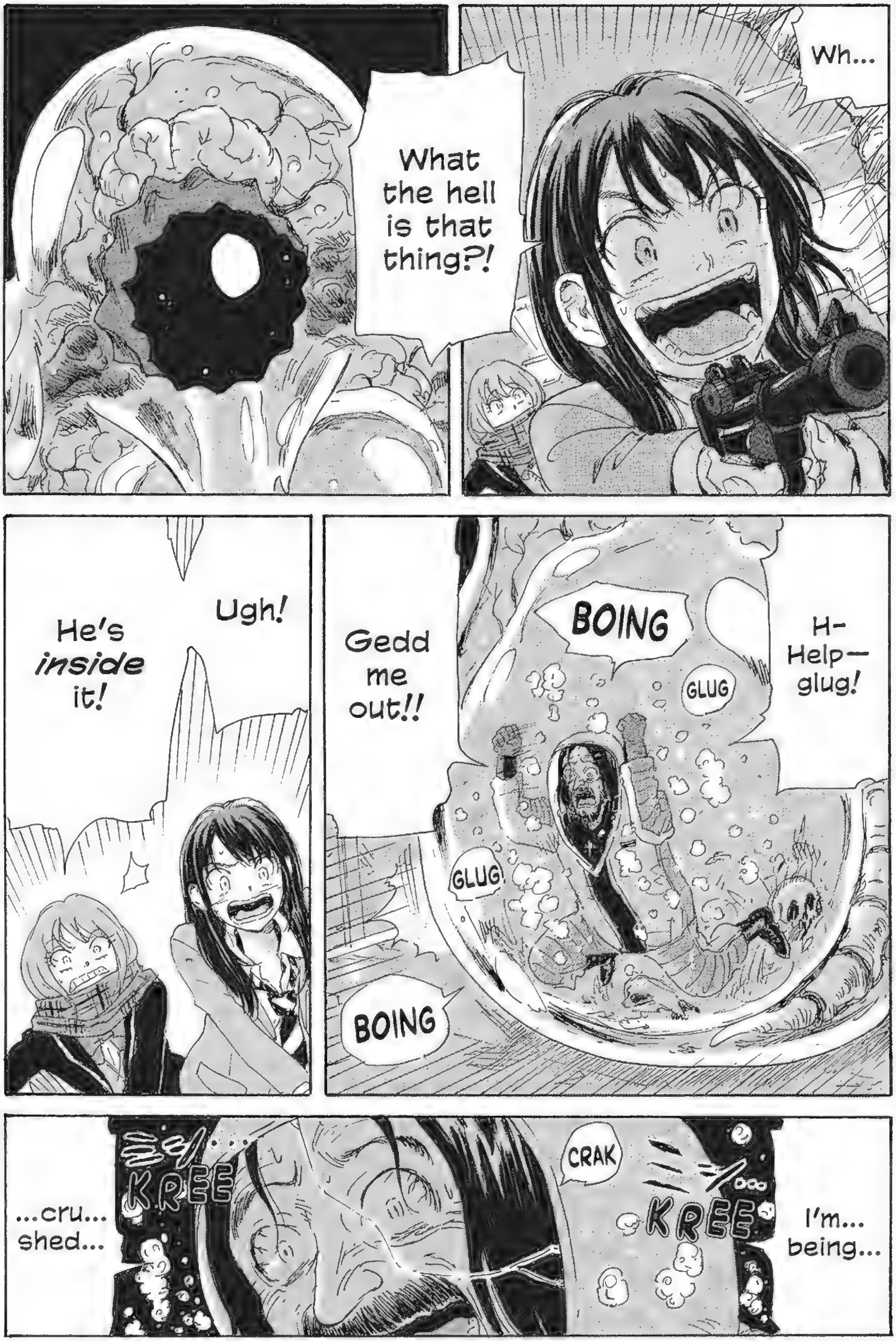

MYOOOO
Aaargh!
M-Monster!!

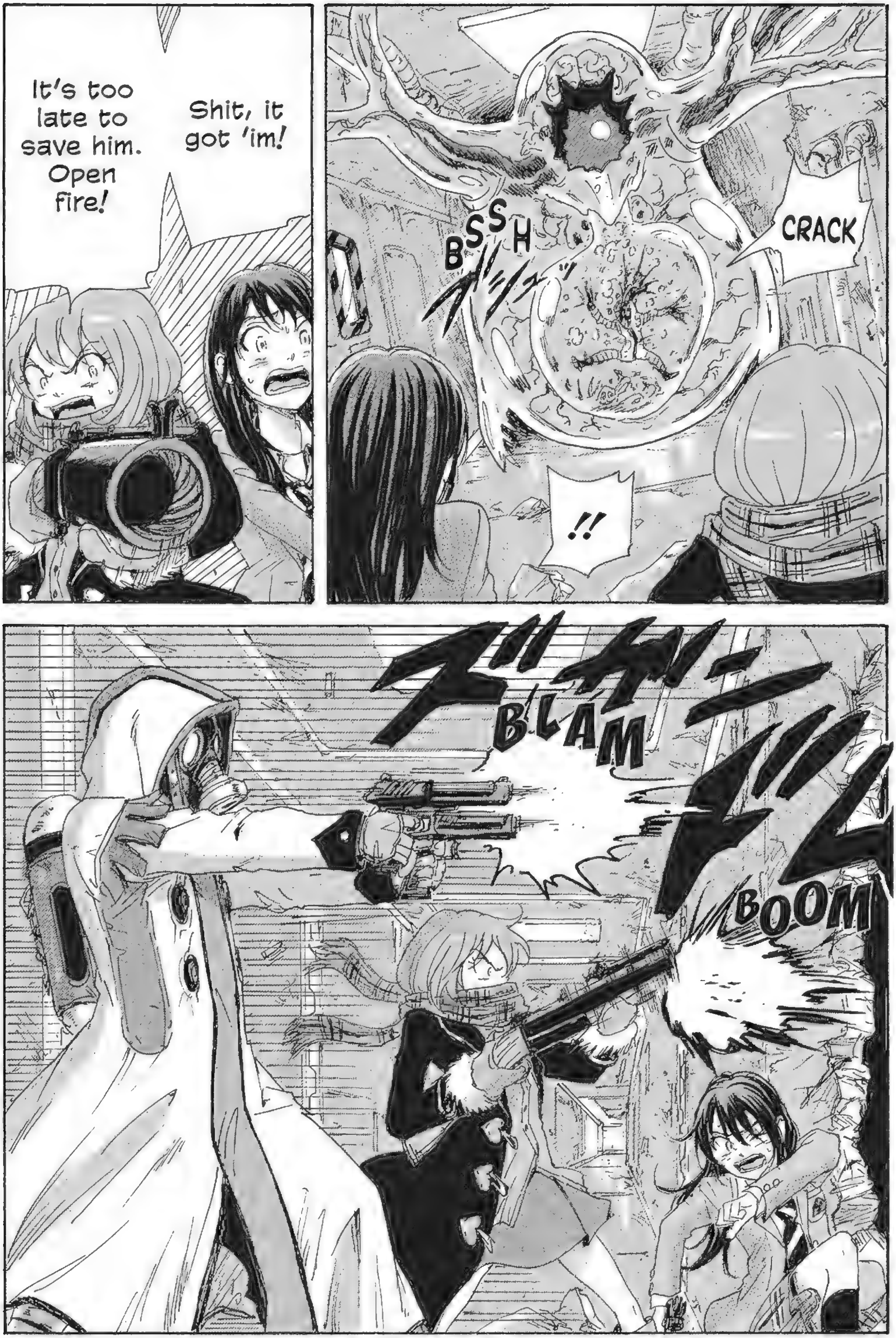

MYOOOO
NYOK
NYOK
MYOOO
...
SHL
OOP
TMP
TMP
A- Aieee !!

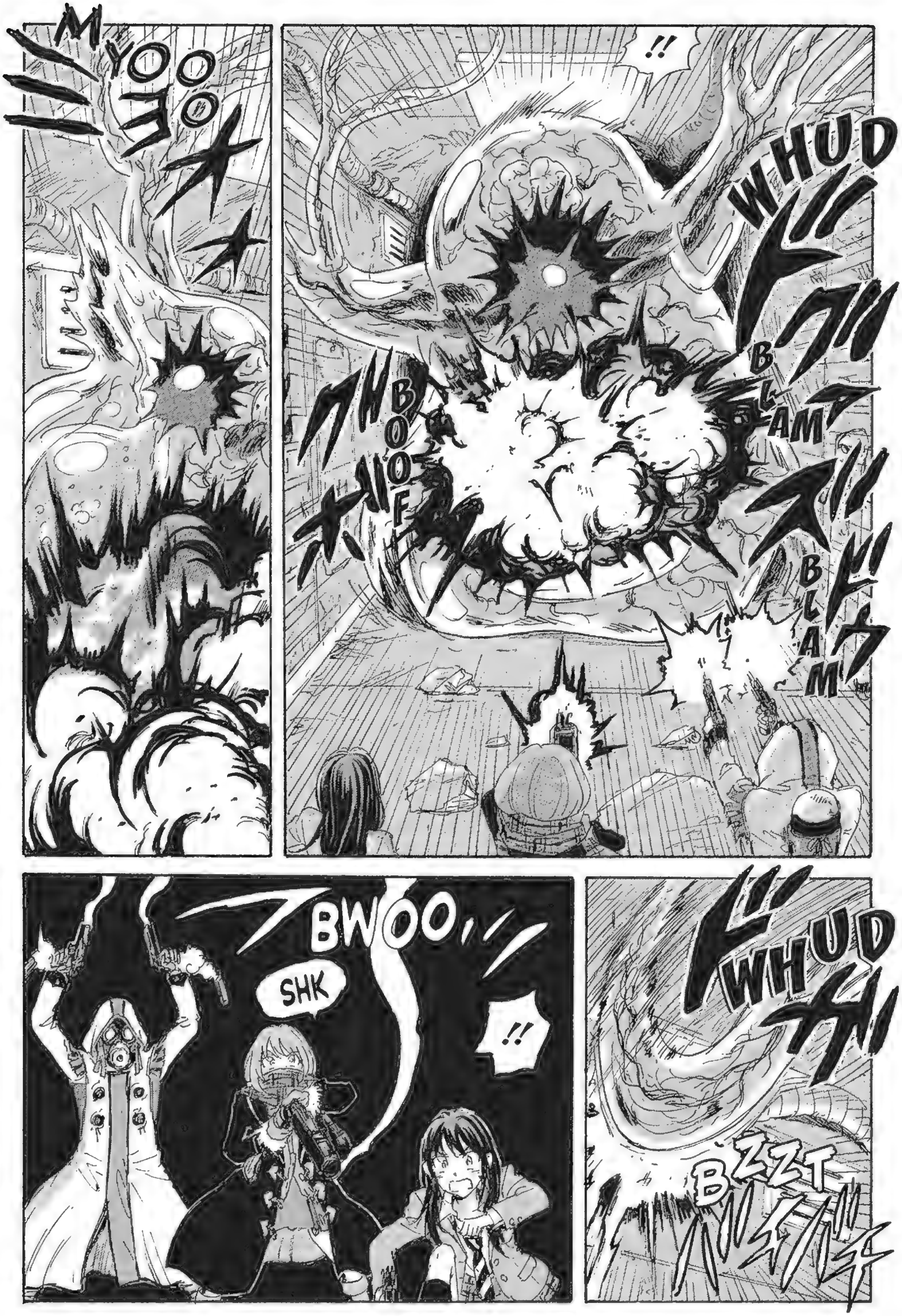

SHLP
Argh... augh!
1F
H-Heeeelp!!
SHLP
...
I-Ibara, we have to run!
It's too dangerous!
Dammit... we'll find another way through!
KACHAK
C'mon, Kanon!
KACHAK
TMP
Wh...?
TMP
Ibara, waaait!

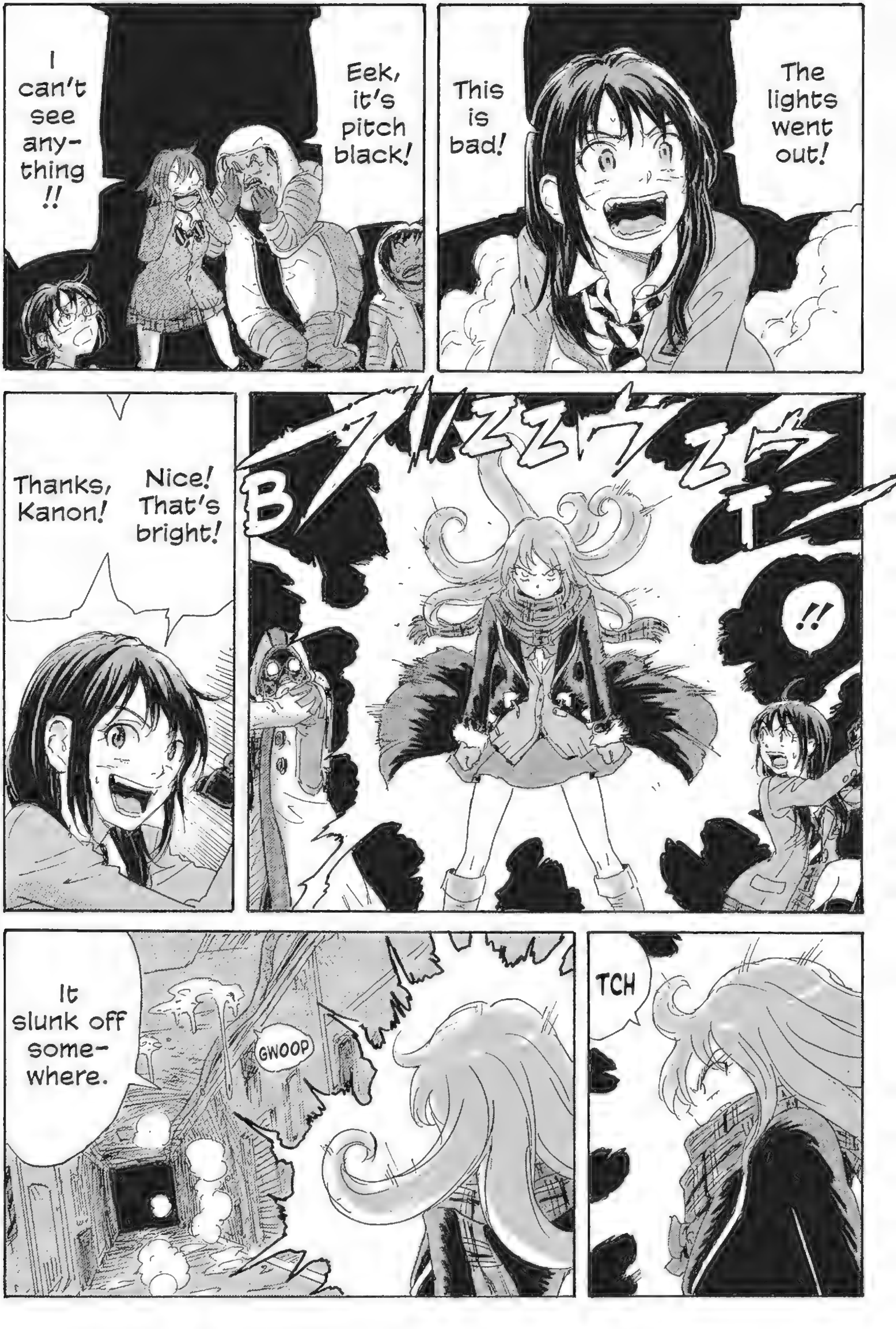

FSSSH
A hole in the wall!
That's where the monster went in! Let's move!
TMP
TMP
!
SWSH
CLACK
MM
Say some...
...thing...
RR
MM
KCHK
M—
Mr. Takiji?!
RR

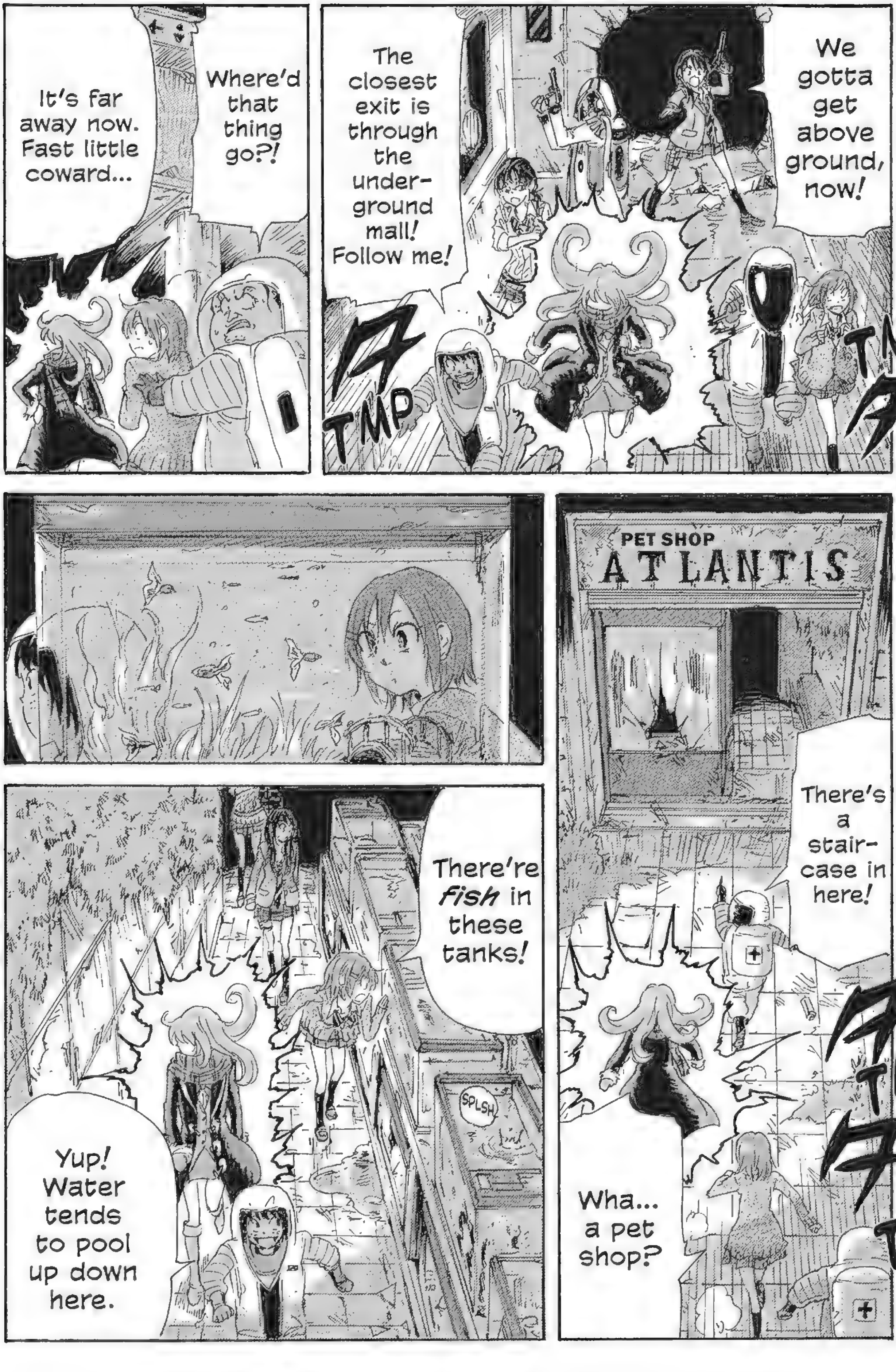

MEYOOOO
Emergency

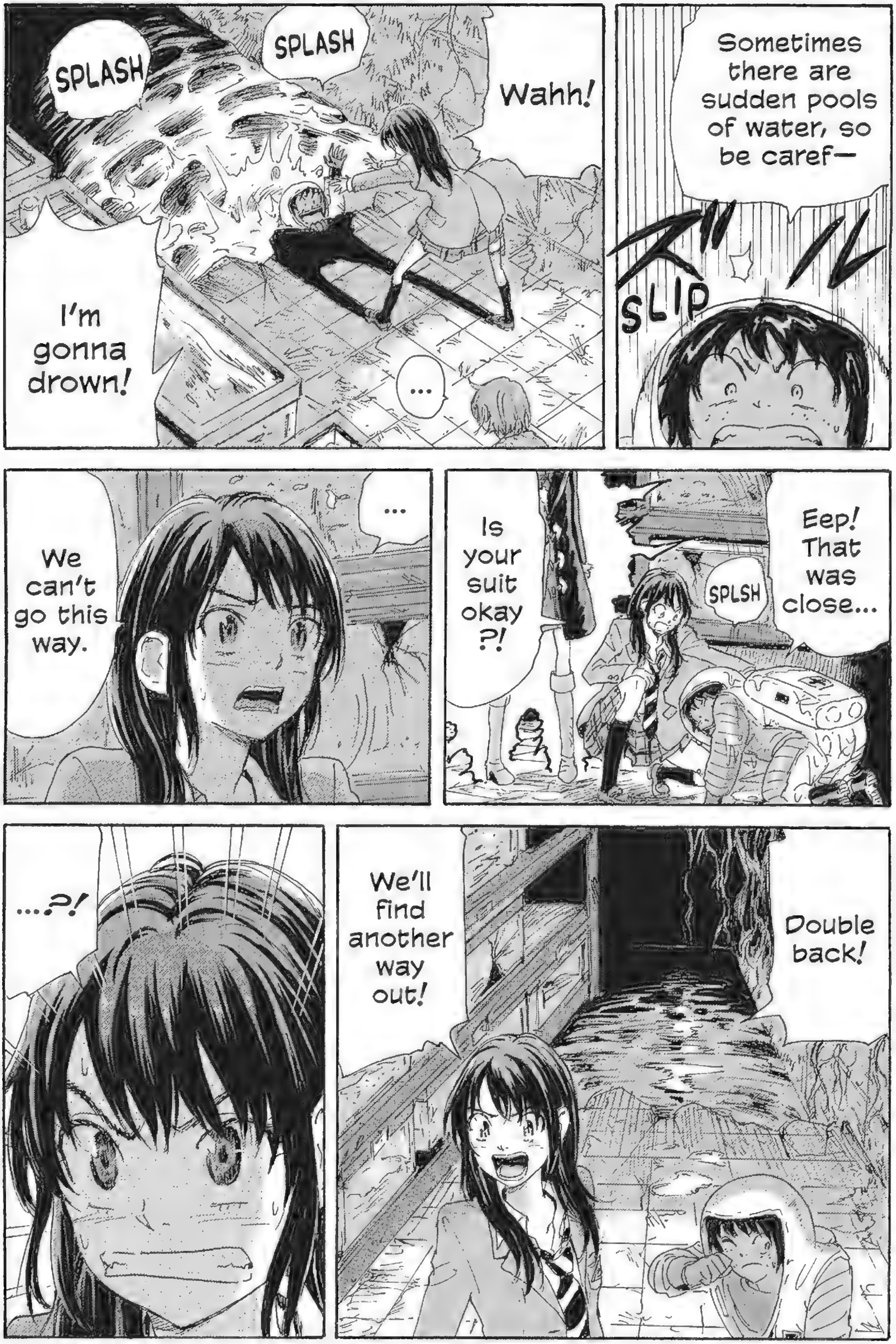

Wh...
What the hell is that thing?!
H-Help—glug!
BOING
GLUG
Gedd me out!!
GLUG
BOING
Ugh!
He's *inside* it!
I'm... being...
KREE
CRAK
KREE
...cru... shed...

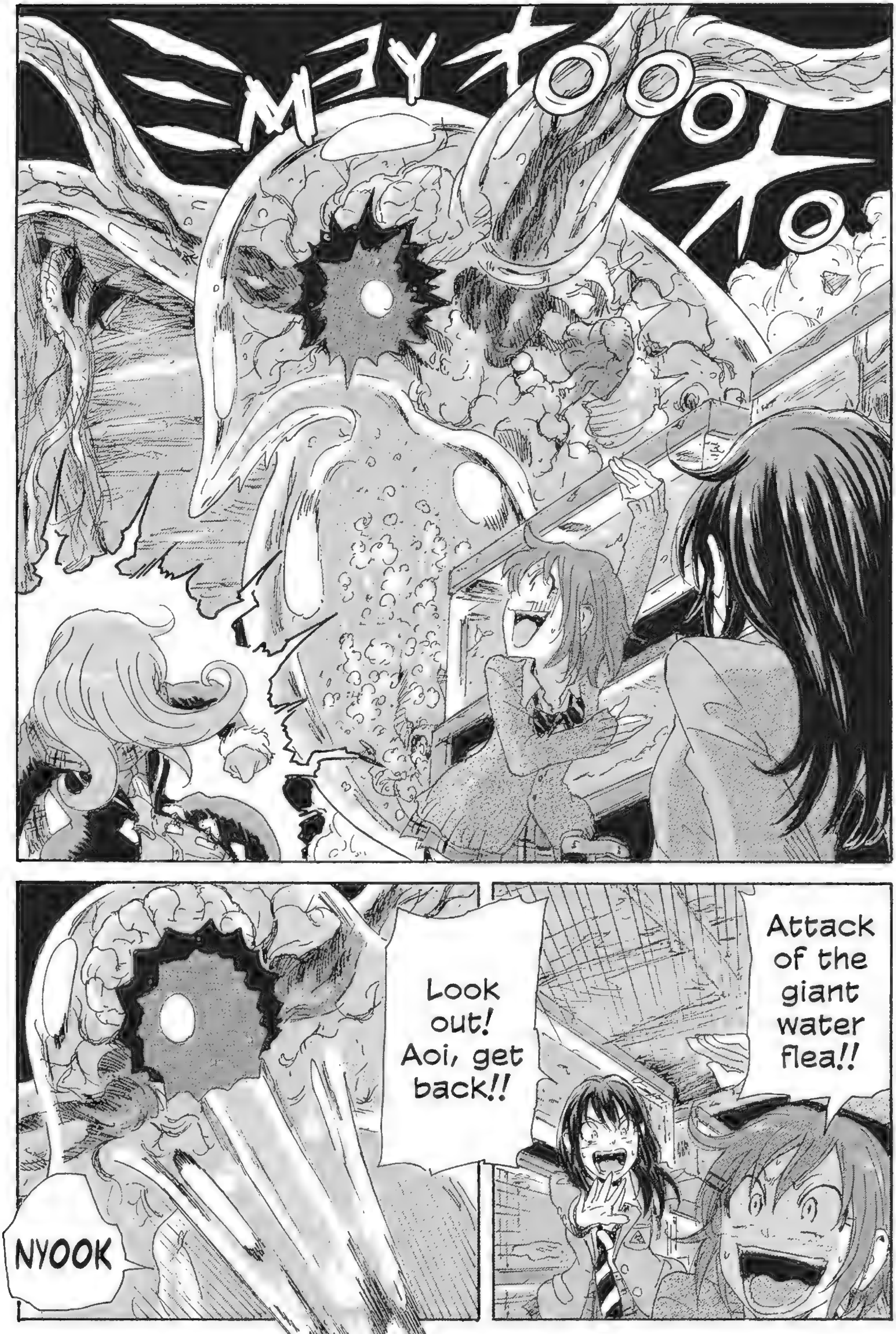

CRACK
BSSH
!!
Shit, it got 'im!
It's too late to save him. Open fire!
BLAM
BOOM

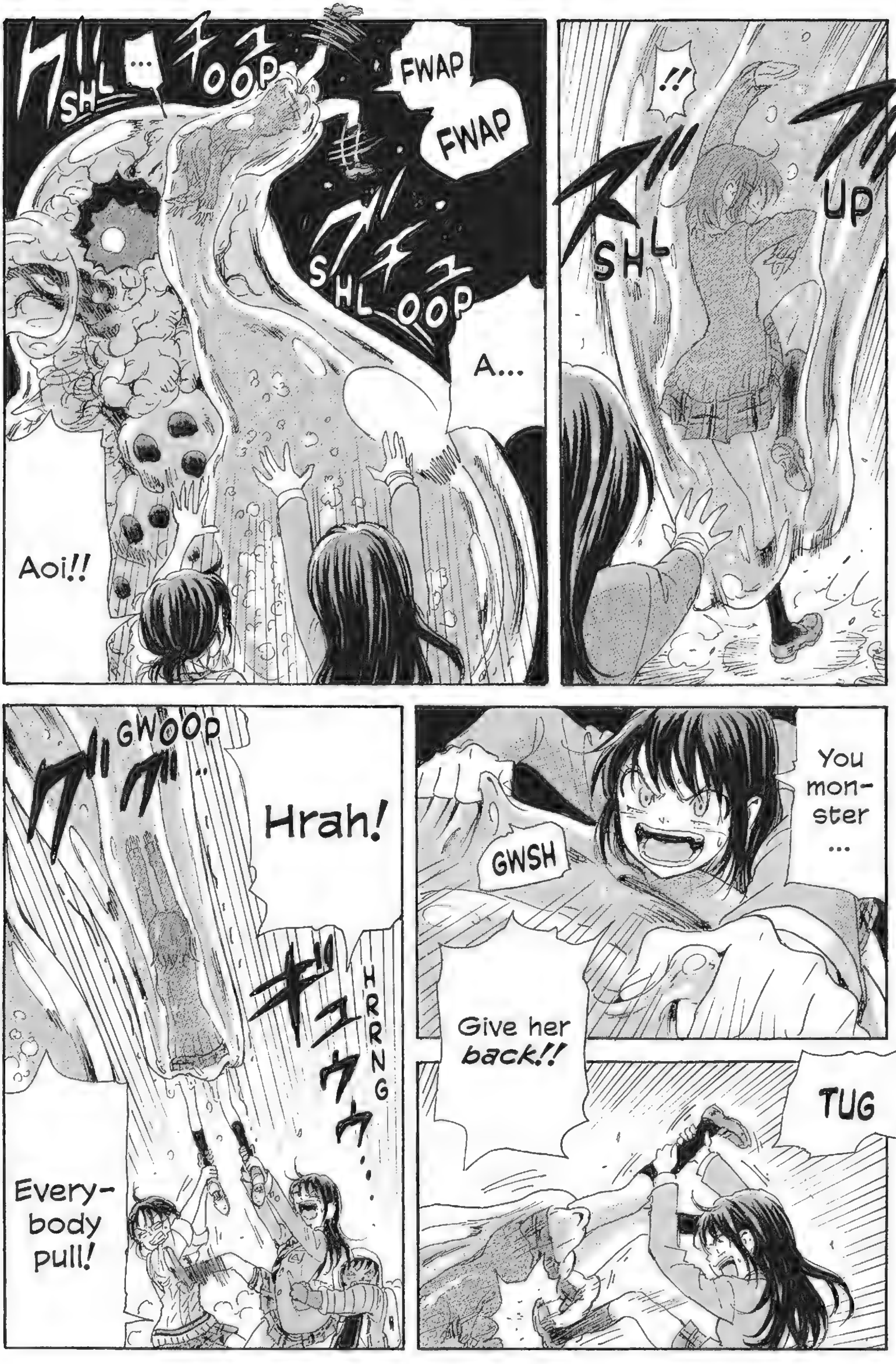

!!
WHUD
BLAM
BLAM
BOOF
MYOOOE
WHUD
BZZT
BWOO
SHK
!!

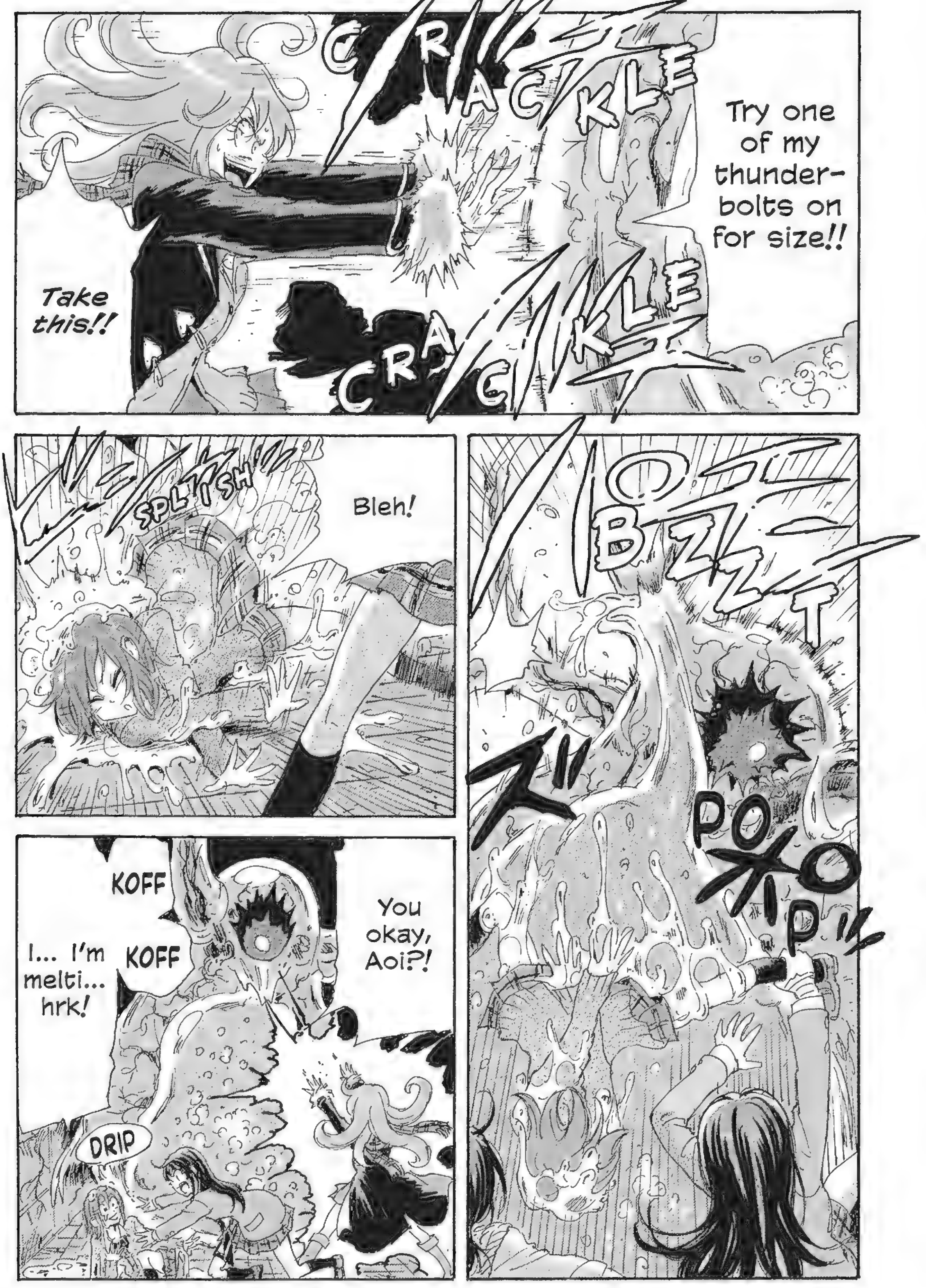

The lights went out!
This is bad!
Eek, it's pitch black!
I can't see anything!!
BZZZZZT
!!
Nice! That's bright!
Thanks, Kanon!
TCH
GWOOP
It slunk off somewhere.

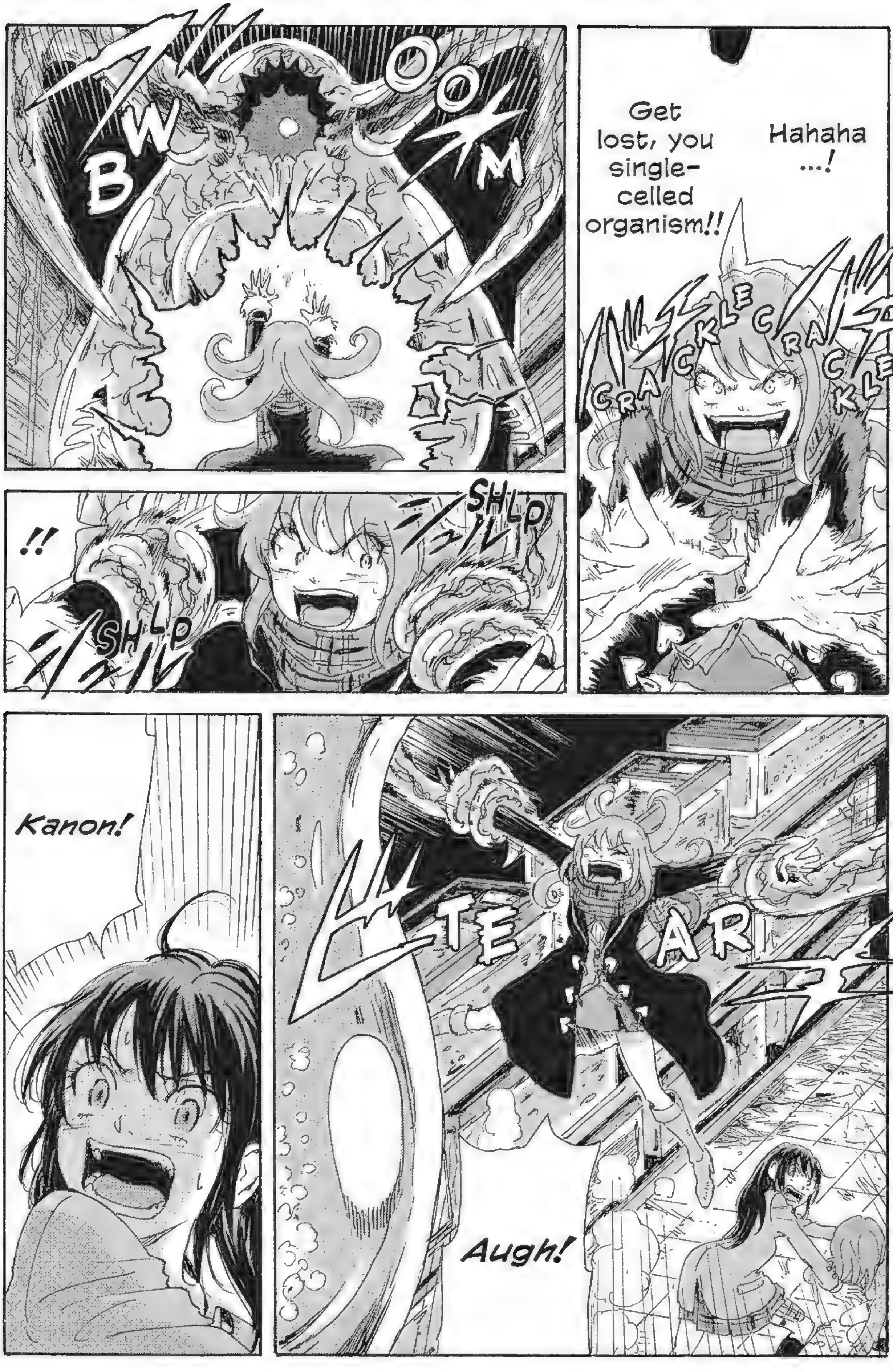

We gotta get above ground, now!
The closest exit is through the underground mall! Follow me!
TMP
TMP
Where'd that thing go?!
It's far away now. Fast little coward...
PET SHOP
ATLANTIS
There's a staircase in here!
Wha... a pet shop?
TMP
TMP
There're *fish* in these tanks!
SPLSH
Yup! Water tends to pool up down here.

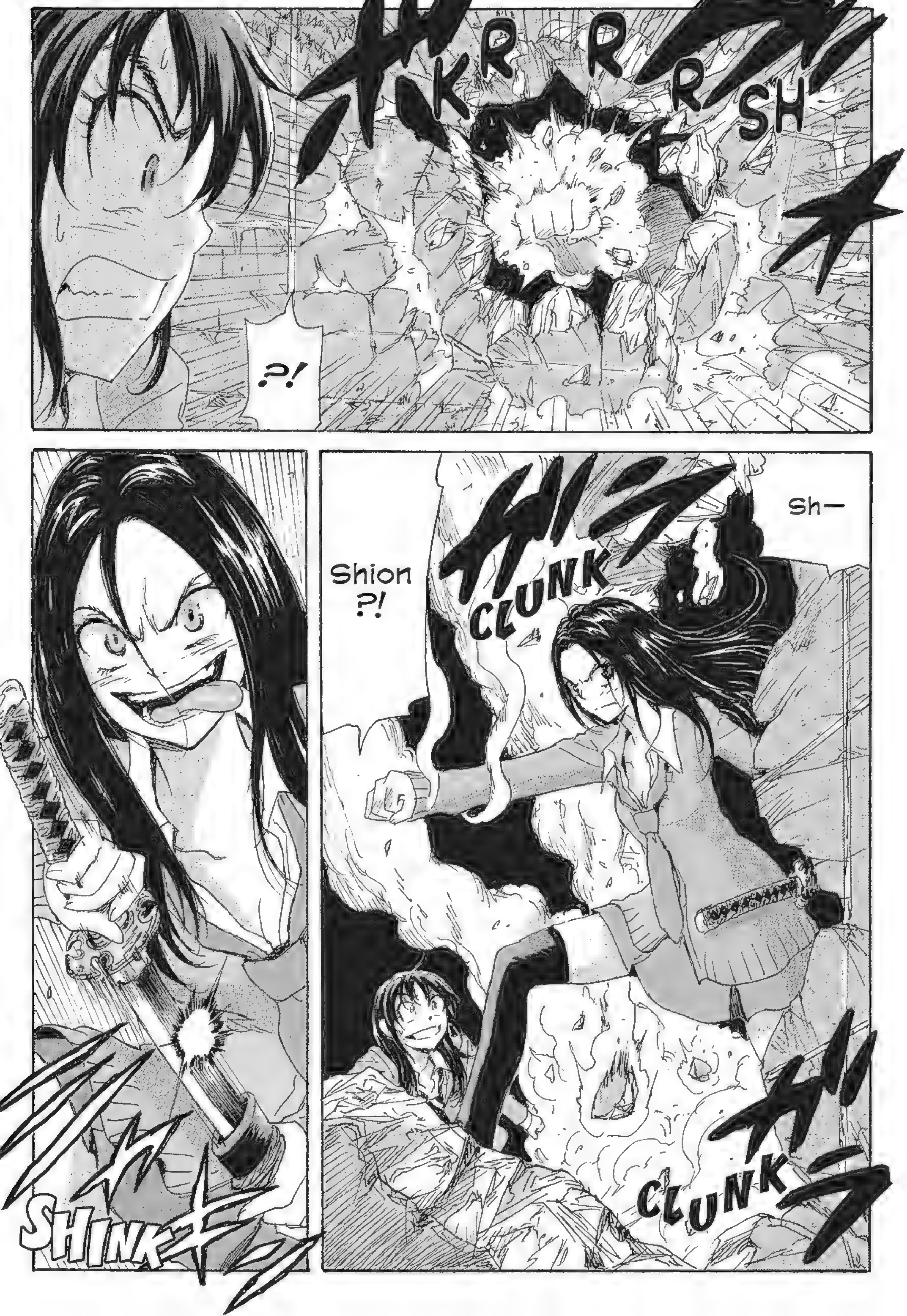

Sometimes there are sudden pools of water, so be caref—
SLIP
Wahh!
SPLASH
SPLASH
I'm gonna drown!
...
Eep! That was close...
SPLSH
Is your suit okay?!
...
We can't go this way.
Double back!
We'll find another way out!
...?!

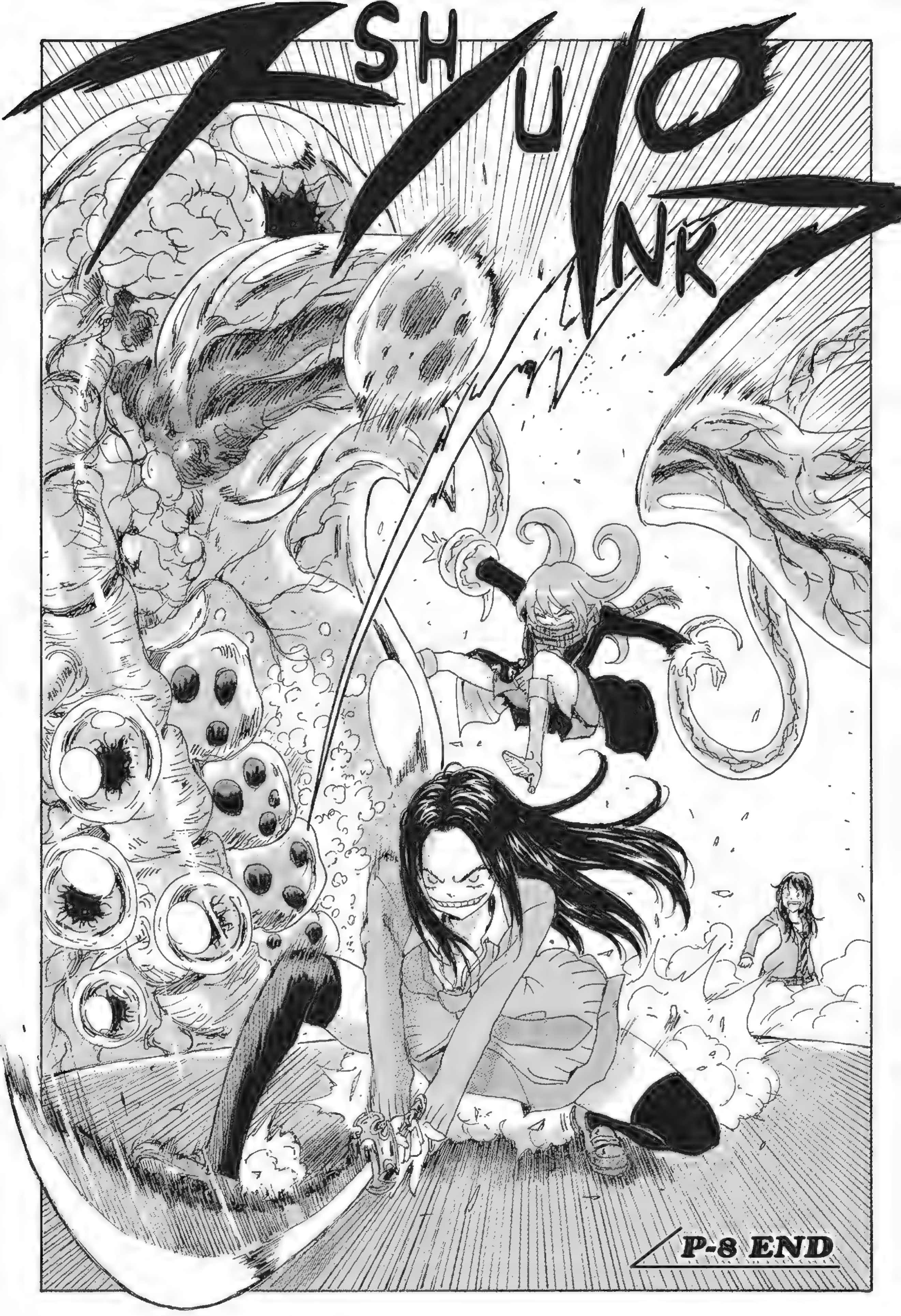

Attack of the giant water flea!!
Look out! Aoi, get back!!
NYOOK


SHL
...
OOP
FWAP
FWAP
SHLOOP
A...
Aoi!!
!!
SHL
UP
GWOOP
Hrah!
HRRRNG
Everybody pull!
GWSH
You monster...
Give her back!!
TUG


Try one of my thunder-bolts on for size!!
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
Take this!!
BZZZT
ズ
POP
SPLISH
Bleh!
You okay, Aoi?!
KOFF
KOFF
I... I'm melti... hrk!
DRIP


Hahaha ...!
Get lost, you single-celled organism!!
CRACKLE CRACKLE
BWOOOM
!!
SHLP
SHLP
TEAR
Augh!
Kanon!


KRRRRSH
?!
Sh—
Shion ?!
CLUNK
CLUNK
SHINK



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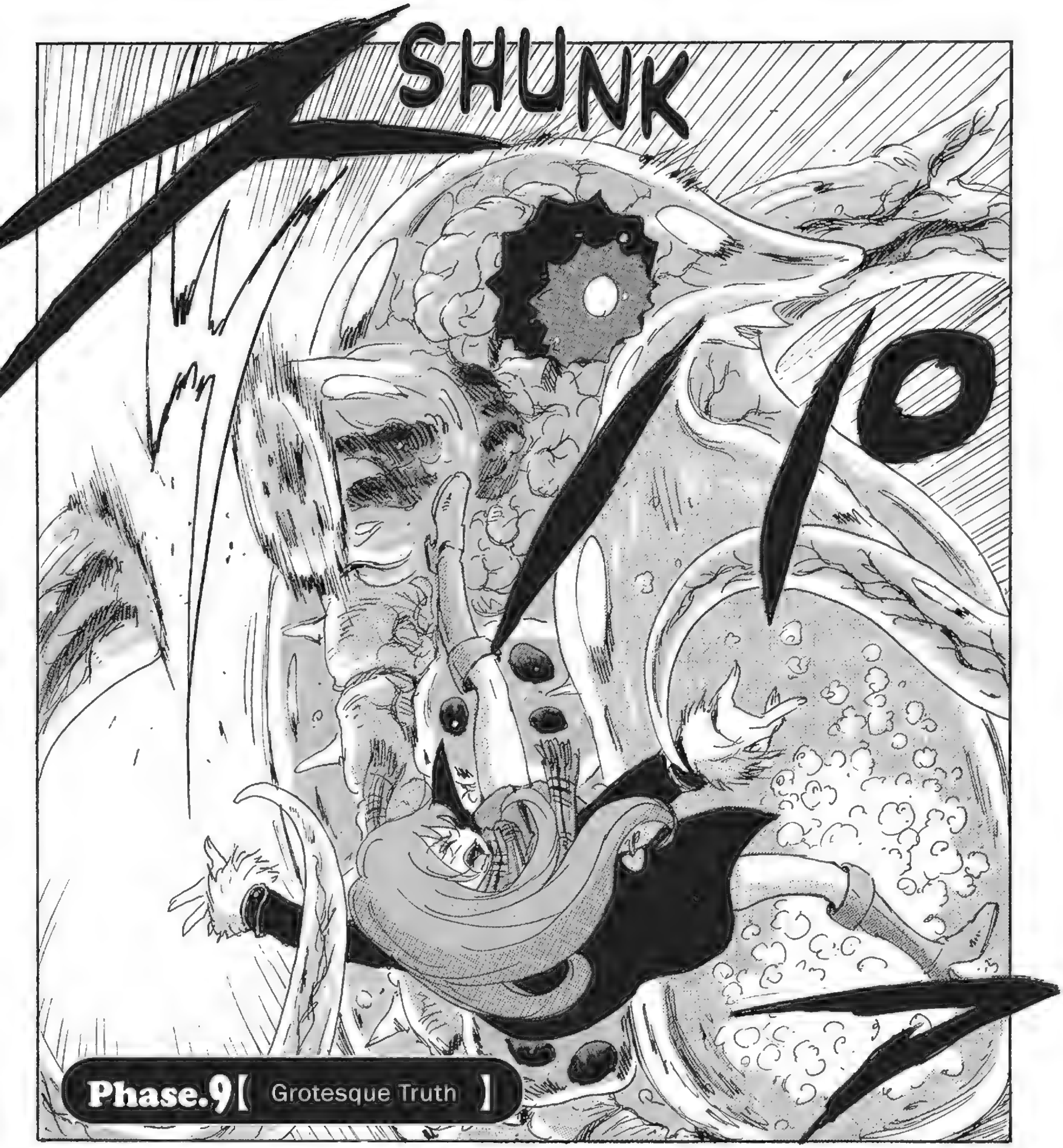
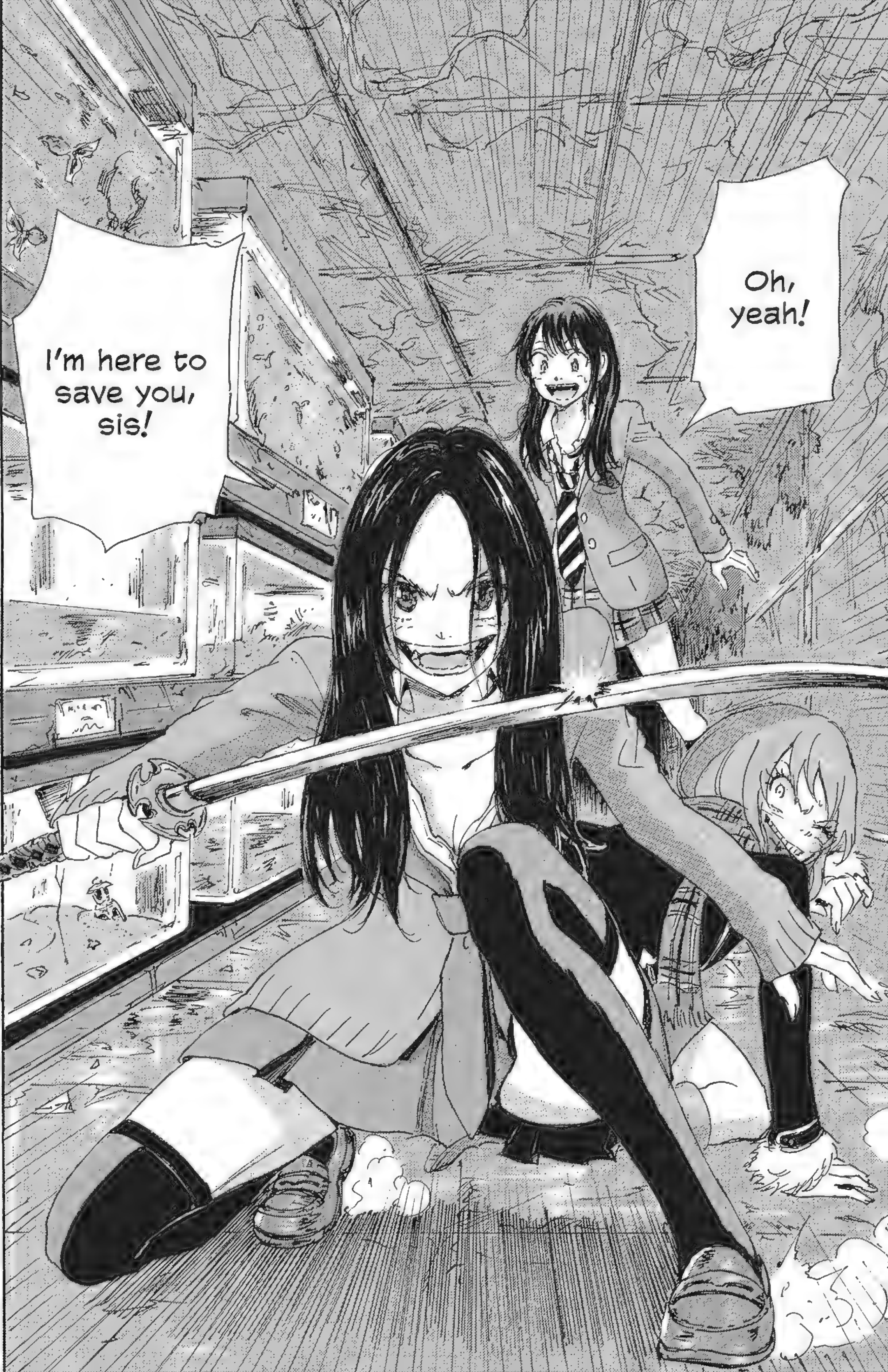
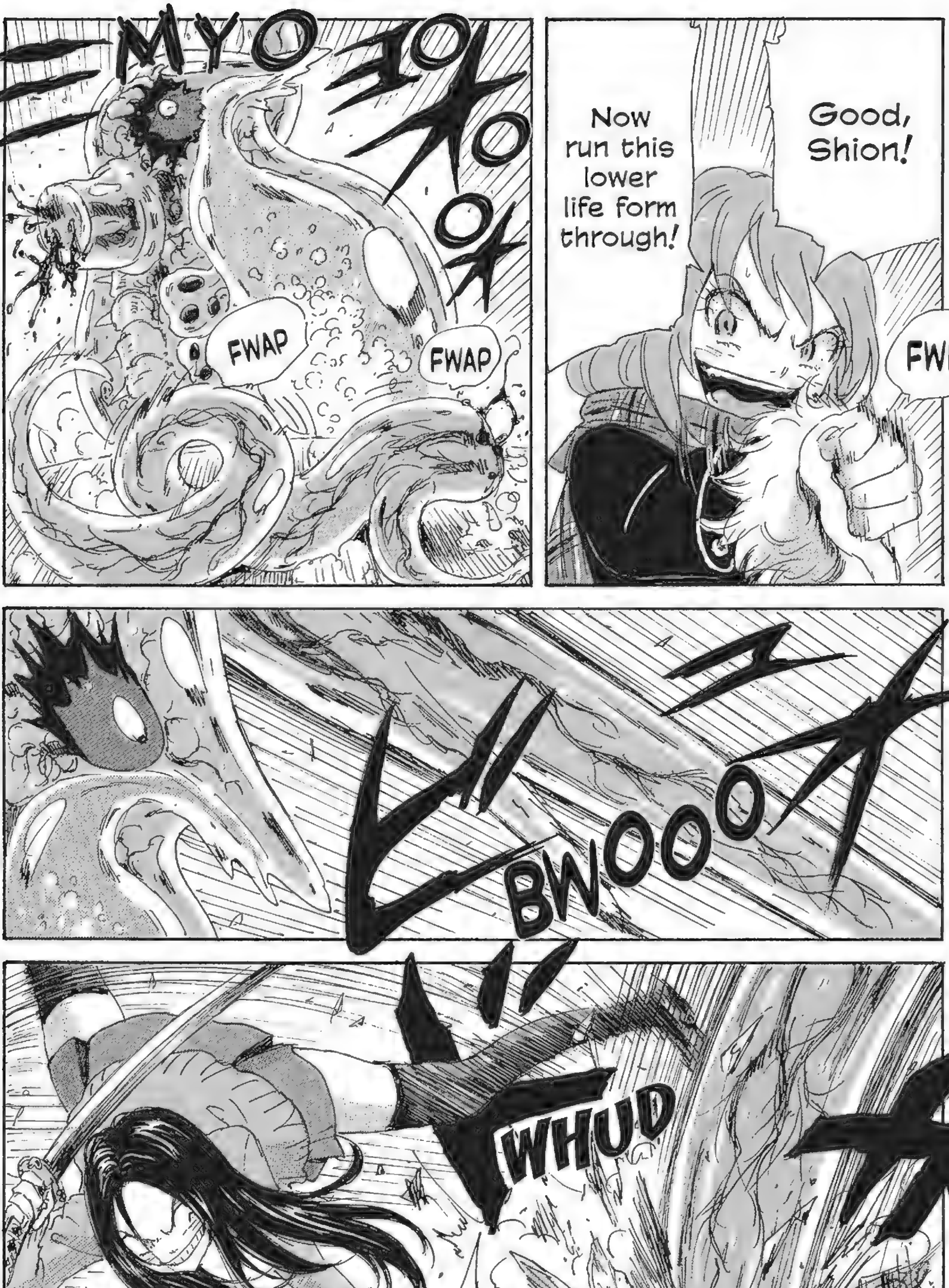
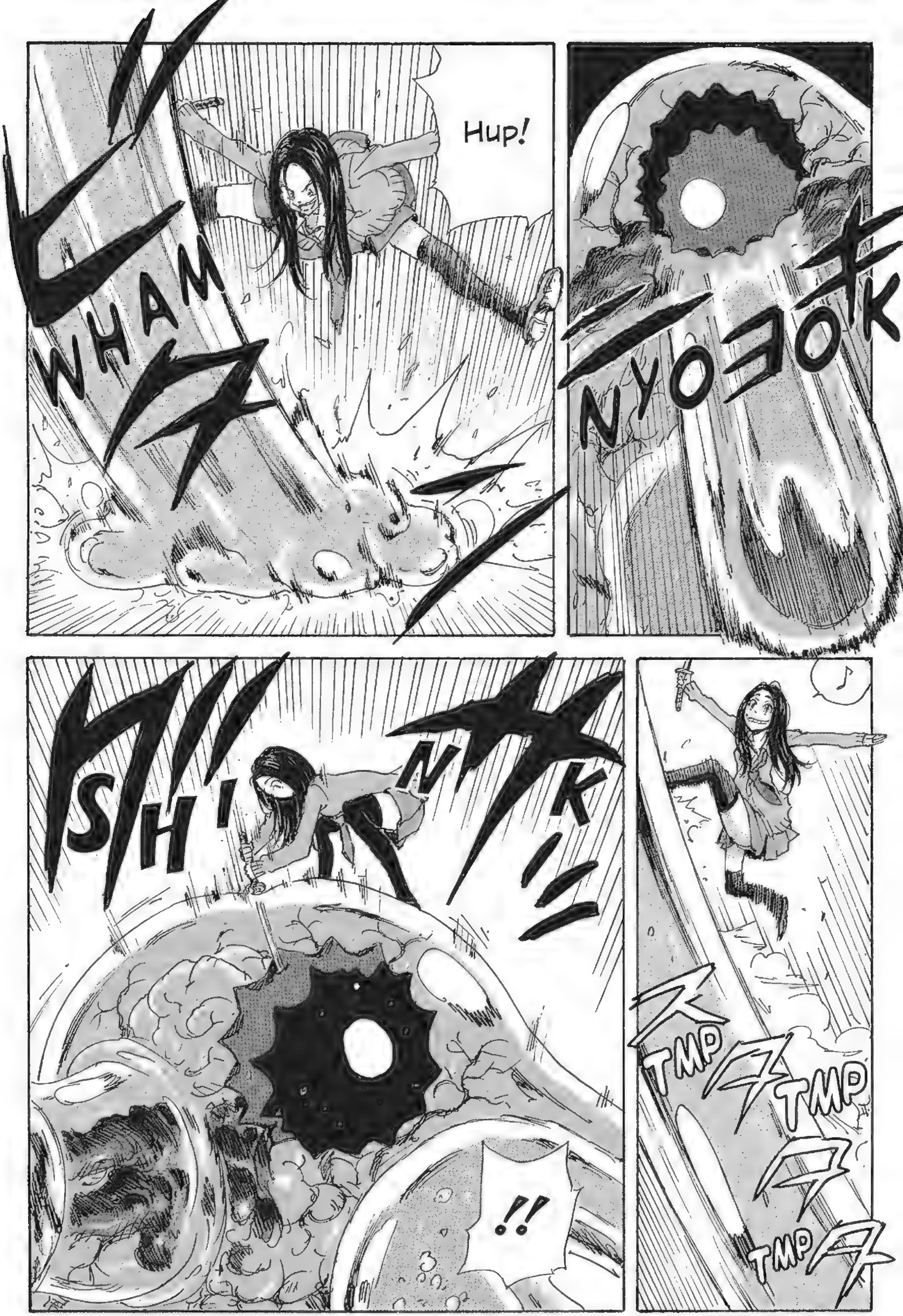
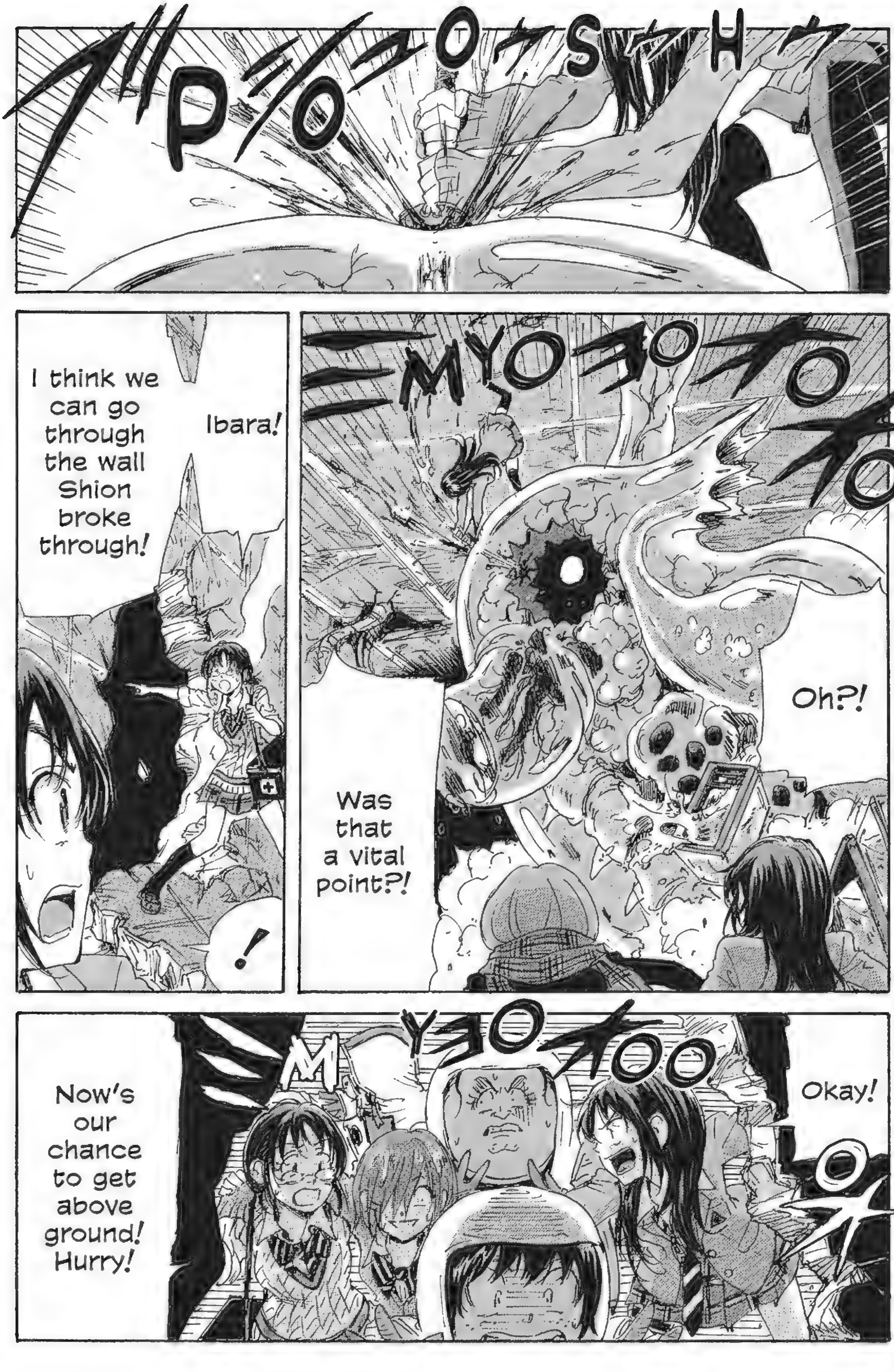
Phase.9 [Grotesque Truth]

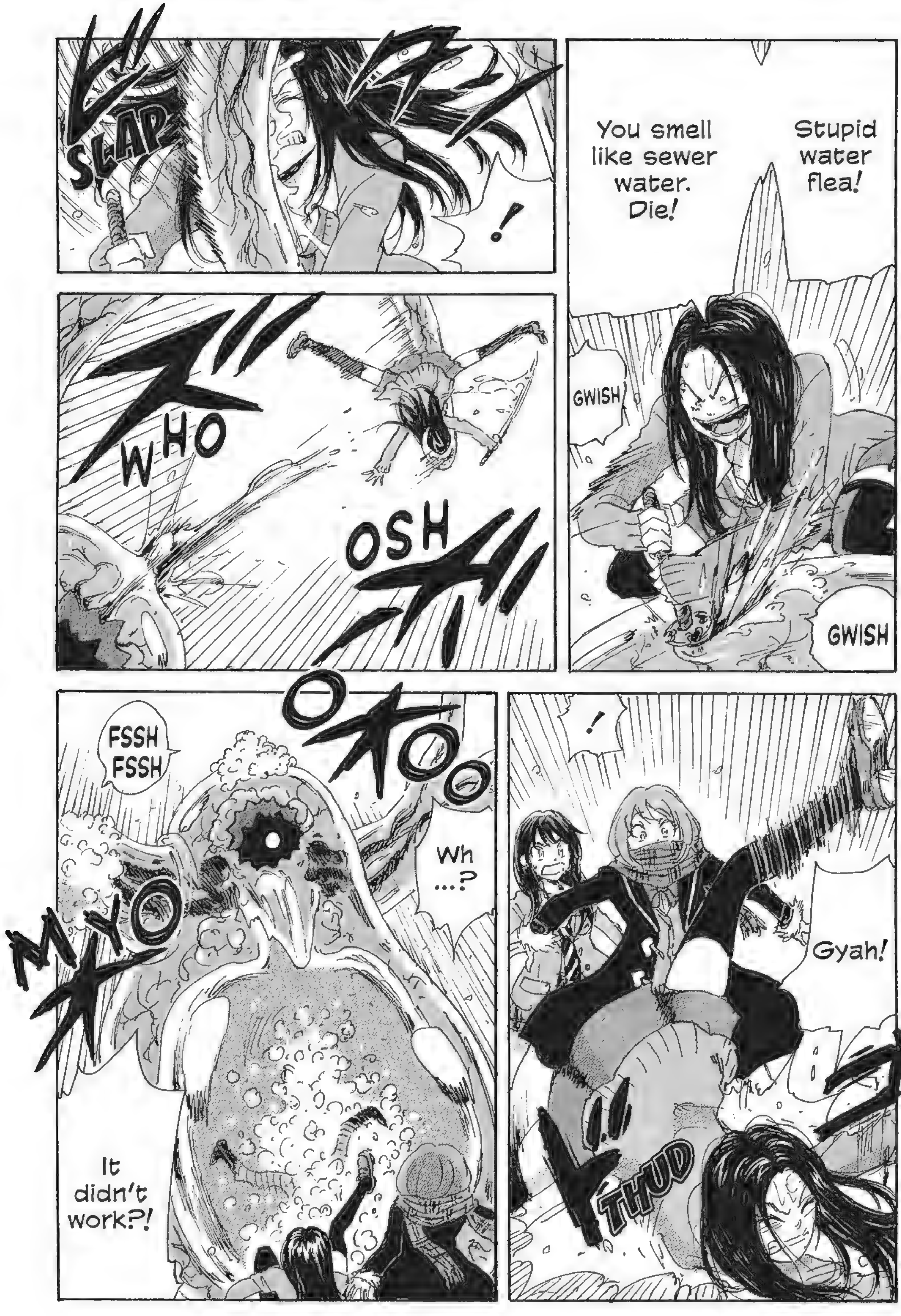


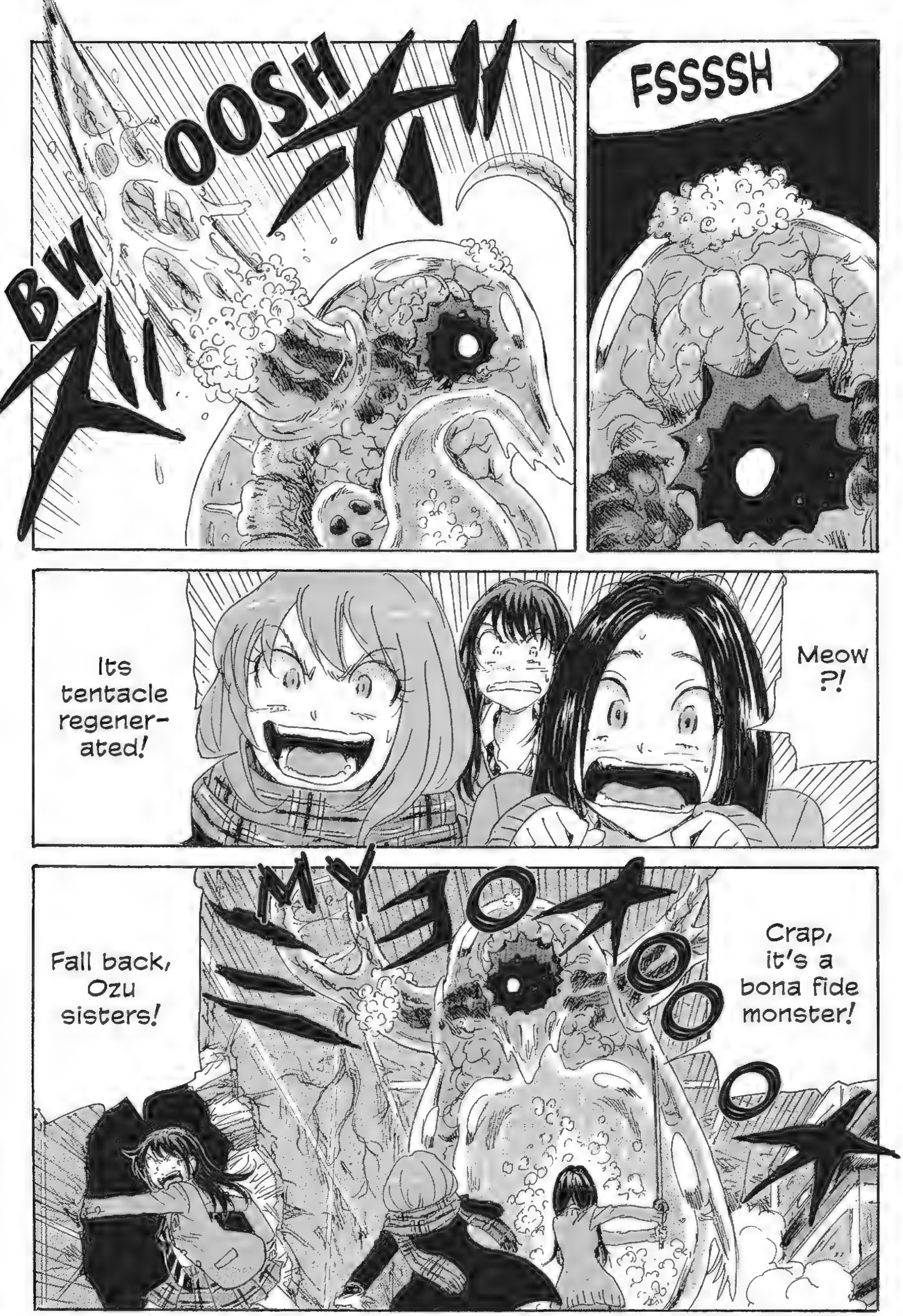

Oh, yeah!
I'm here to save you, sis!

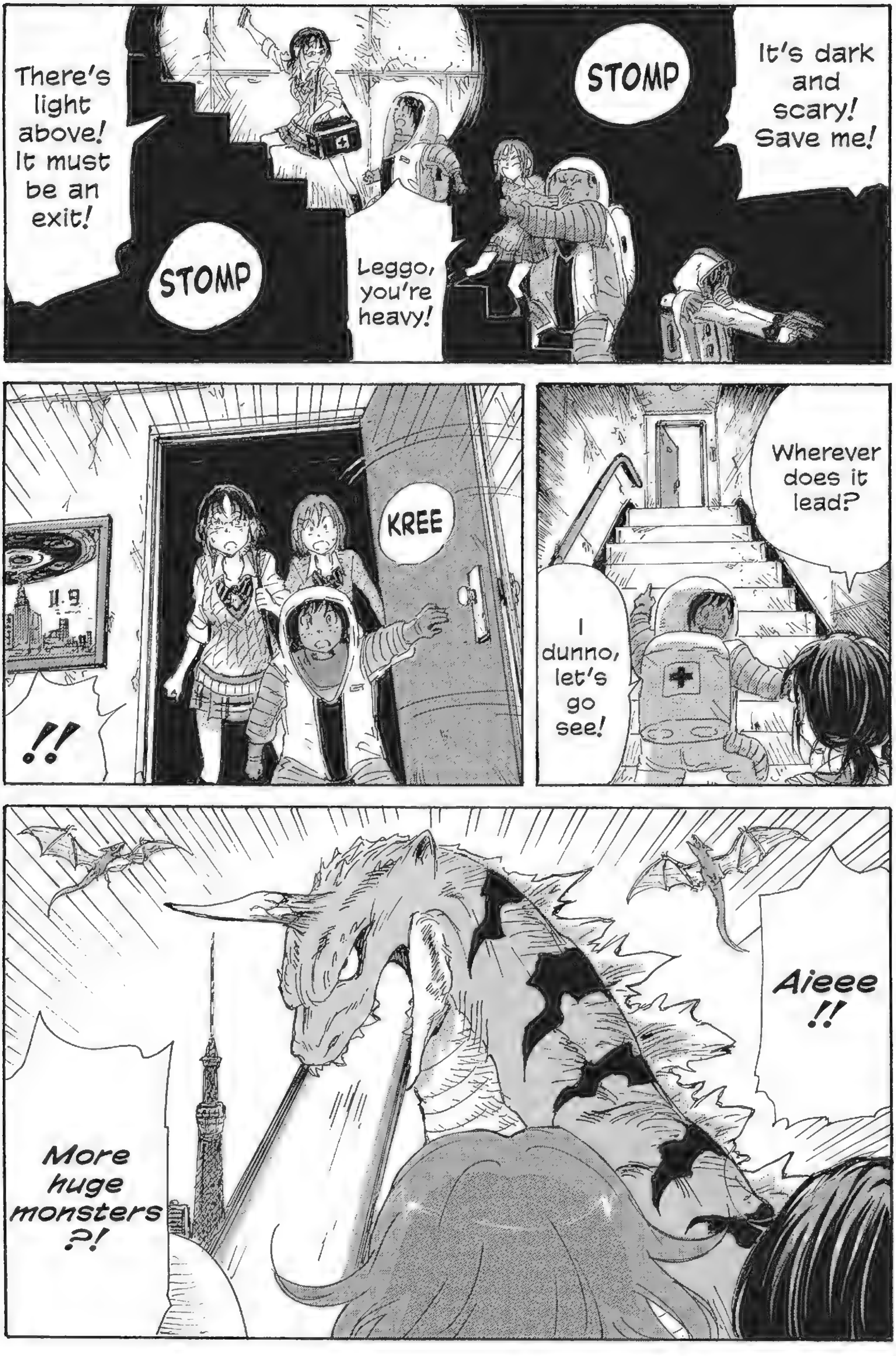

Good, Shion!
Now run this lower life form through!
FWIP
MYO
FWAP
FWAP
BWOOO
WHUD

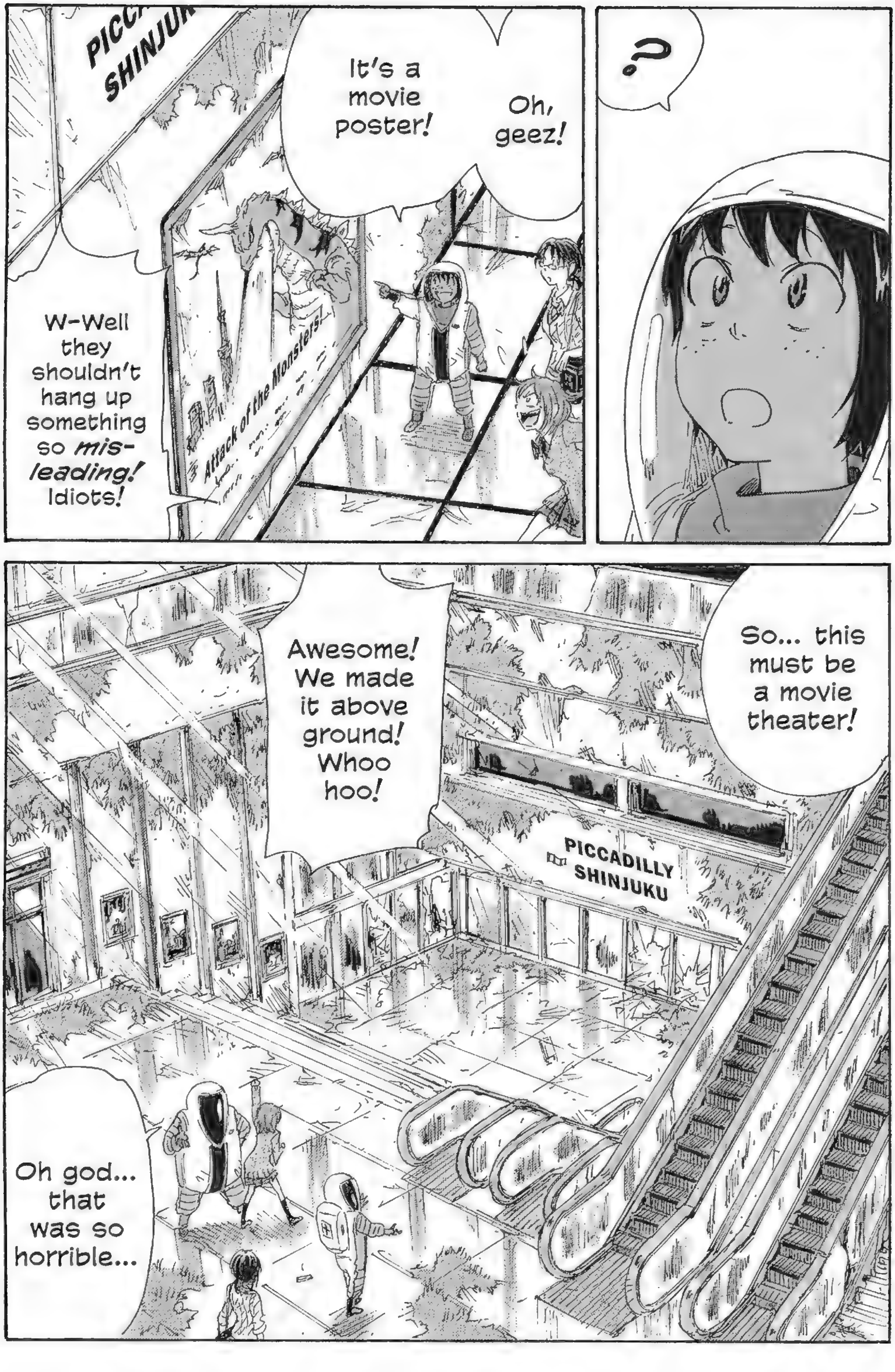

NYOƆOK
Hup!
WHAM
ス
TMP
タ
TMP
タ
TMP
タ
SHINK
!!

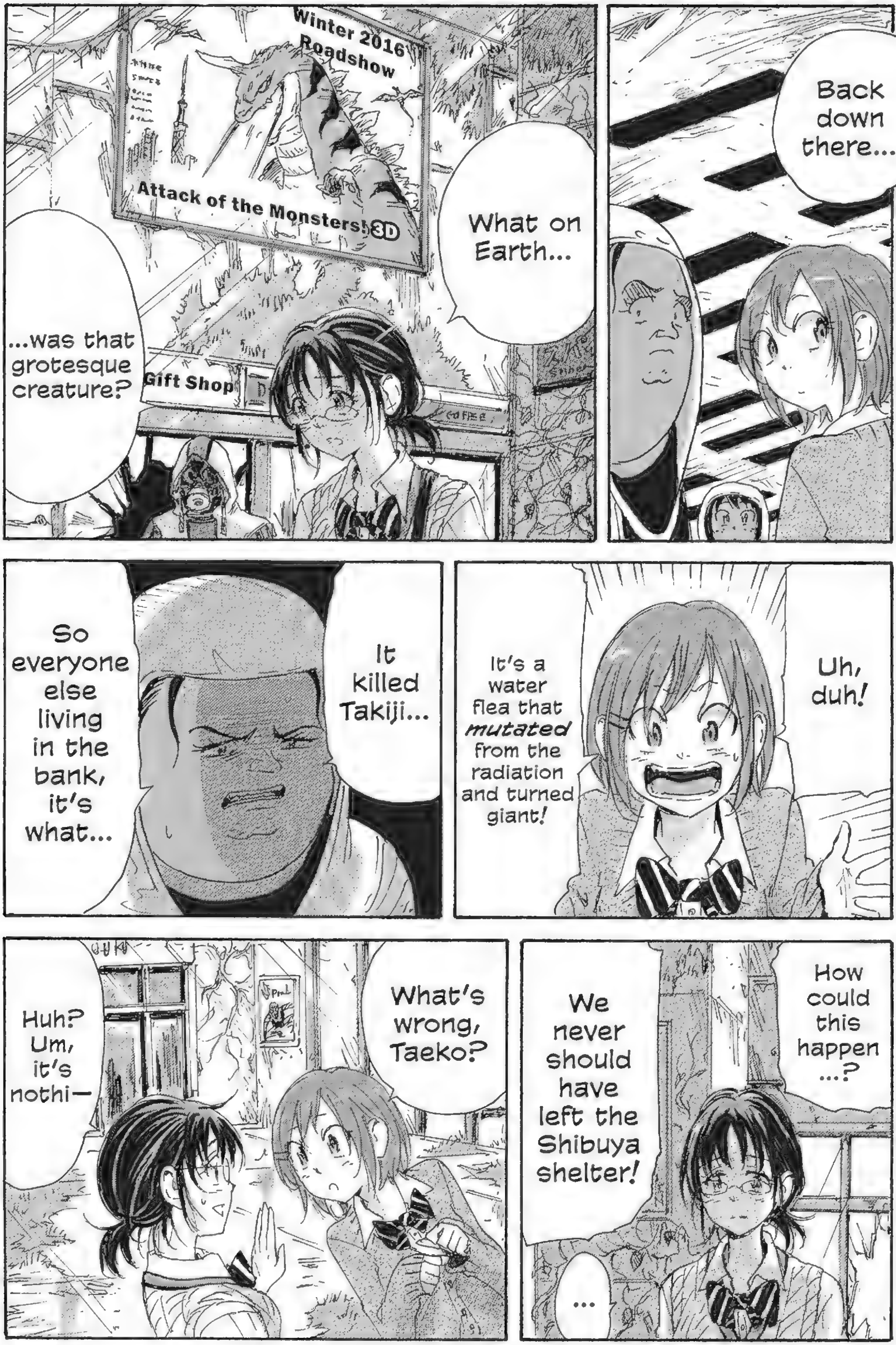

POOSH
MYOOOOO
Oh?!
Was that a vital point?!
Ibara!
I think we can go through the wall Shion broke through!
!
MYEOOO
Okay!
Now's our chance to get above ground! Hurry!

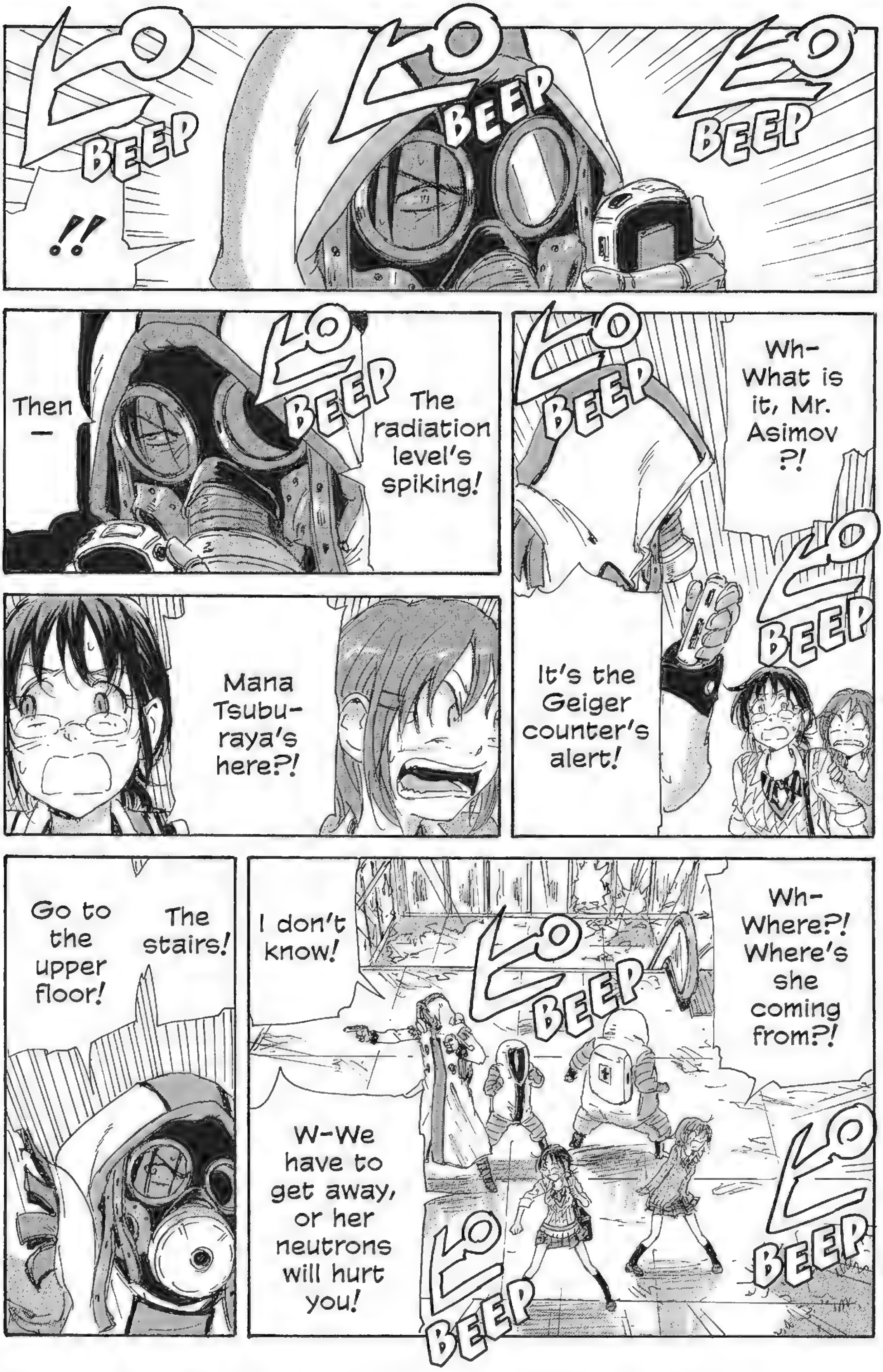

Stupid water flea!
You smell like sewer water. Die!
GWISH
GWISH
SLAP
!
WHOOSH
!
Gyah!
THUD
FSSH FSSH
Wh ...?
MYOOOOO
It didn't work?!

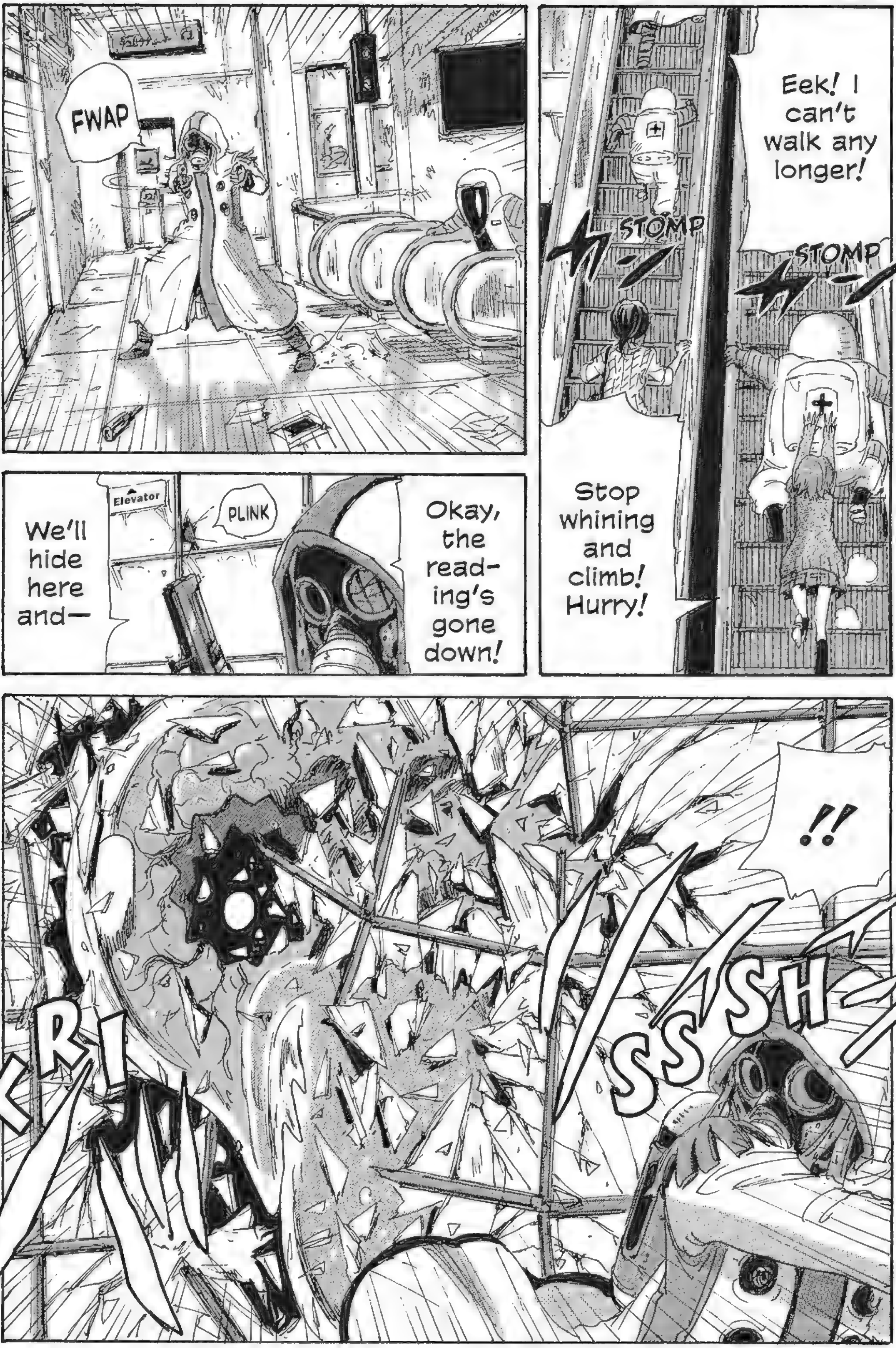

FSSSH
BWOOSH
Meow ?!
Its tentacle regenerated!
MYEOOOOO
Crap, it's a bona fide monster!
Fall back, Ozu sisters!

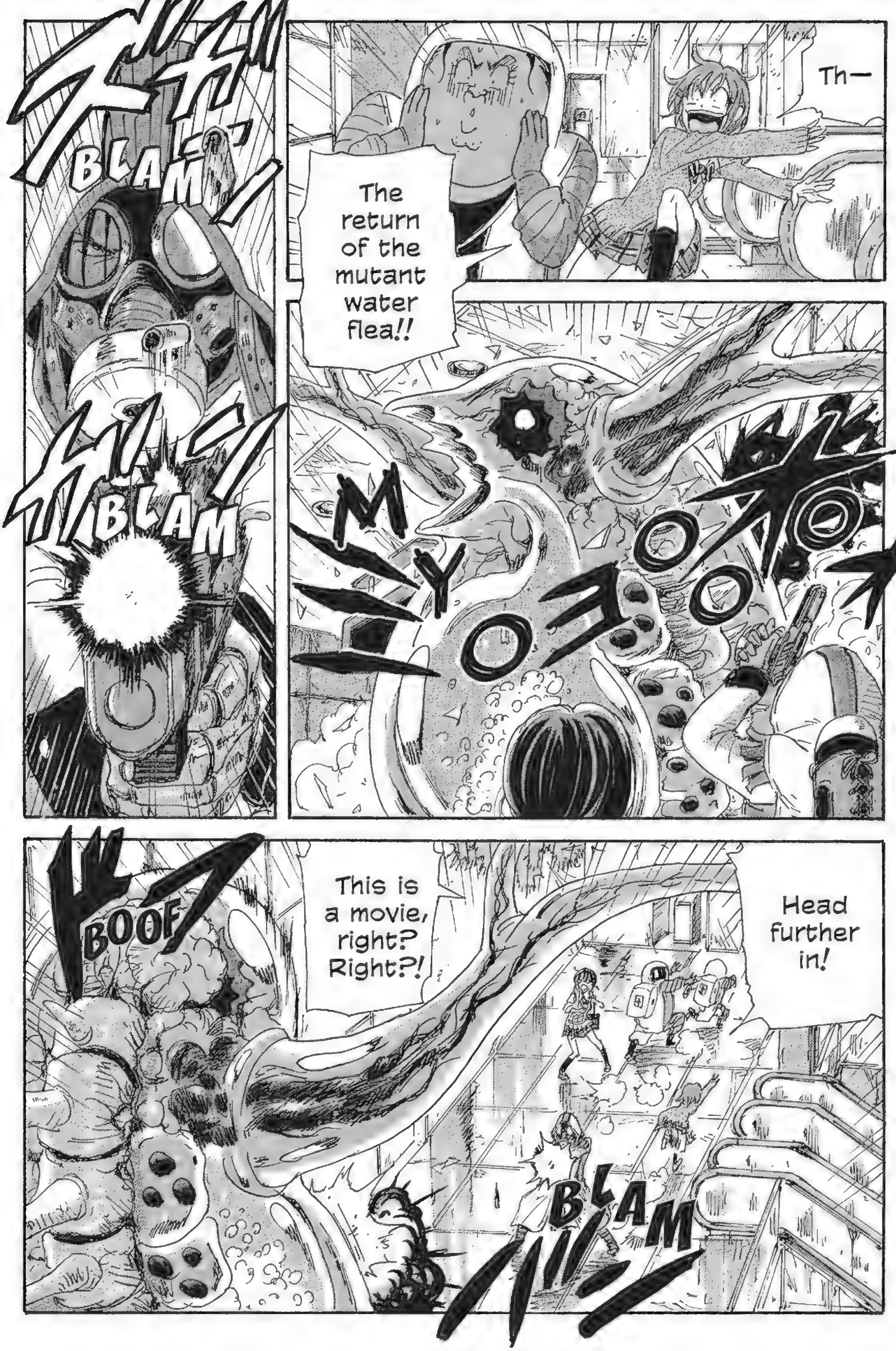

It's dark and scary! Save me!
STOMP
Leggo, you're heavy!
There's light above! It must be an exit!
STOMP
Wherever does it lead?
I dunno, let's go see!
KREE
11.9
!!
Aieee!!
More huge monsters?!

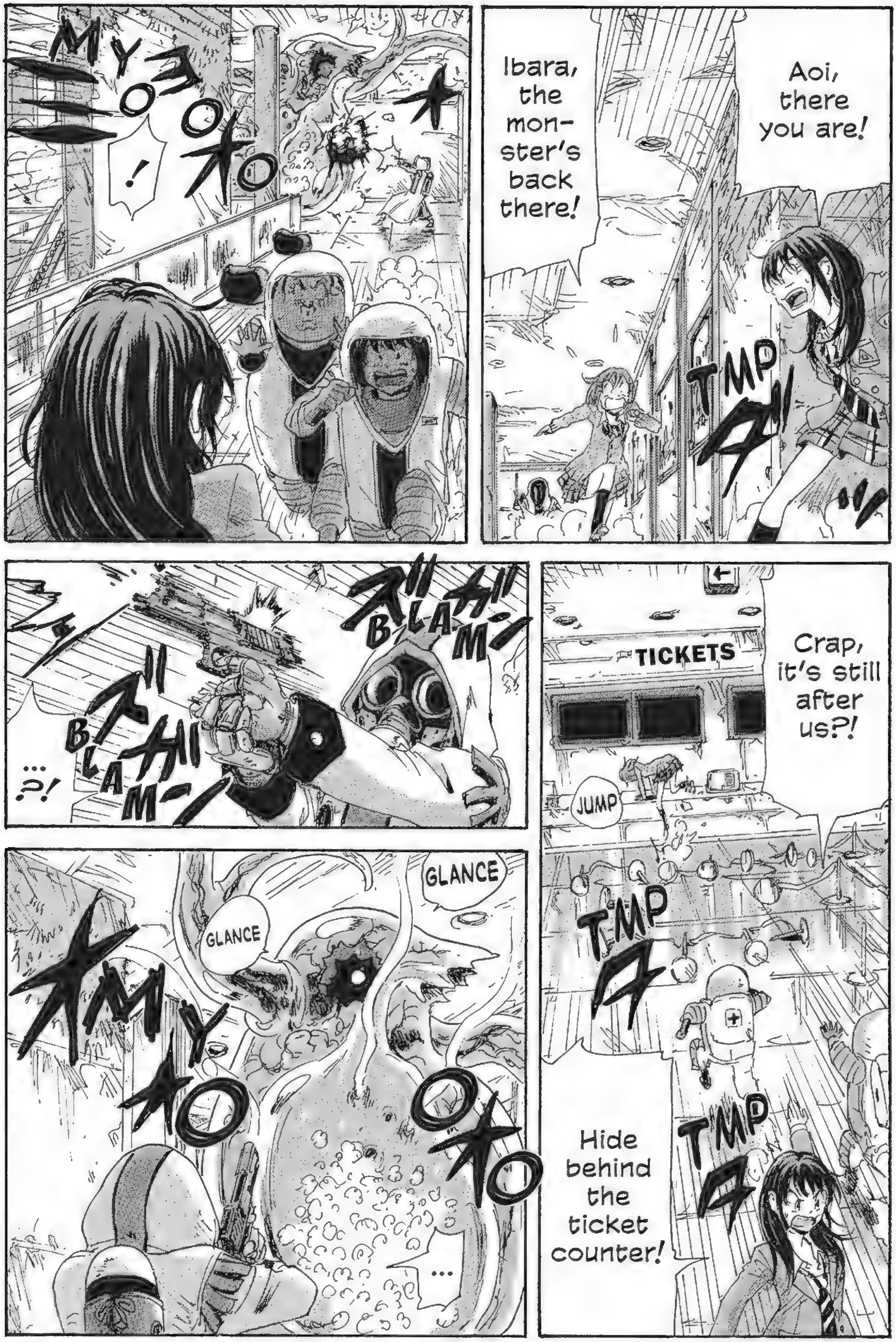

?
Oh, geez!
It's a movie poster!
W-Well they shouldn't hang up something so *mis-leading!* Idiots!
PICC
SHINJU
Attack of the Monsters!
So... this must be a movie theater!
Awesome! We made it above ground! Whoo hoo!
PICCADILLY SHINJUKU
Oh god... that was so horrible...

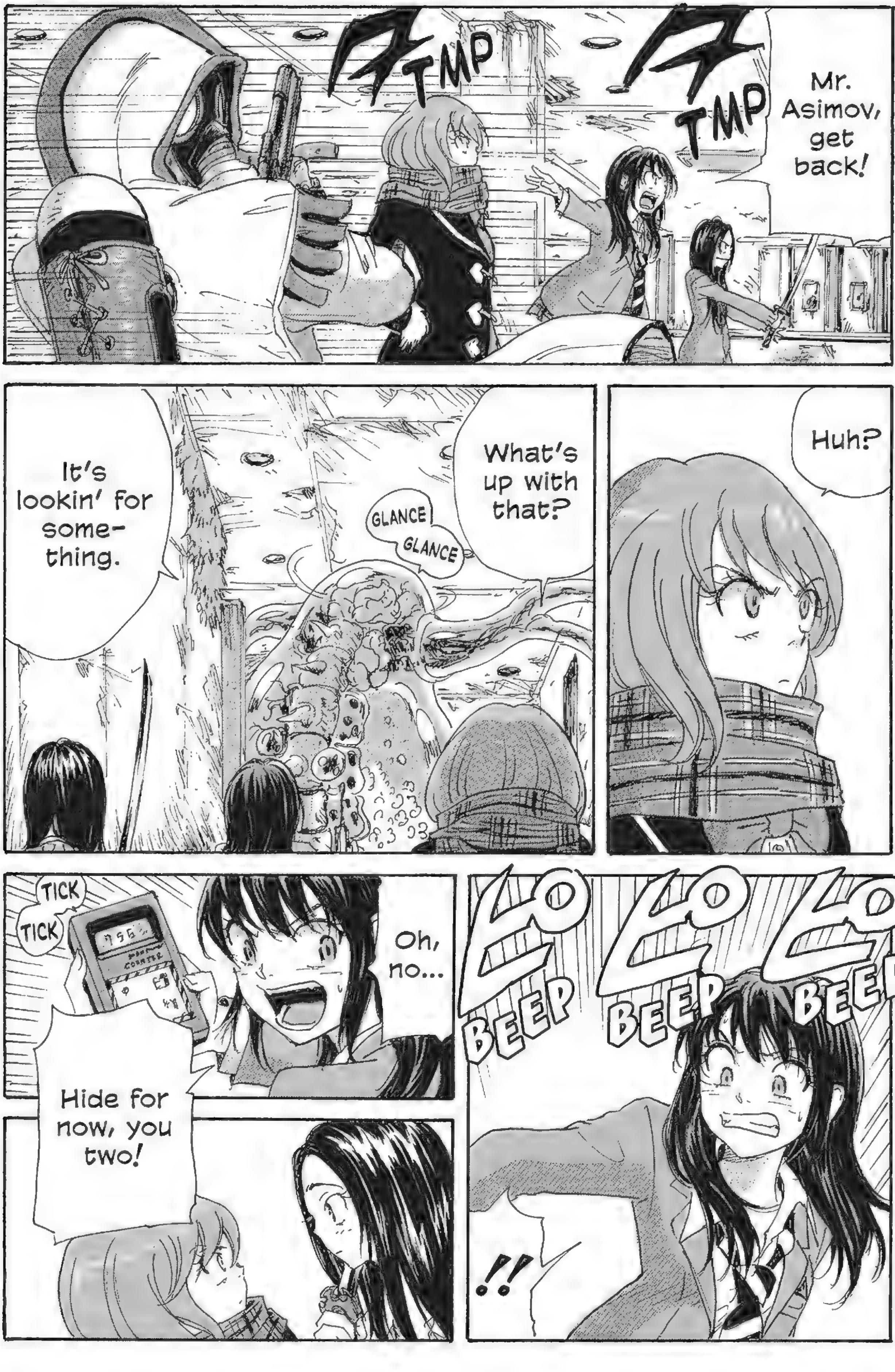

Back down there...
Winter 2016 Roadshow
Attack of the Monsters! 3D
Gift Shop
COFFEE
What on Earth...
...was that grotesque creature?
Uh, duh!
It's a water flea that *mutated* from the radiation and turned giant!
It killed Takiji...
So everyone else living in the bank, it's what...
How could this happen...?
We never should have left the Shibuya shelter!
...
What's wrong, Taeko?
Huh? Um, it's nothi—

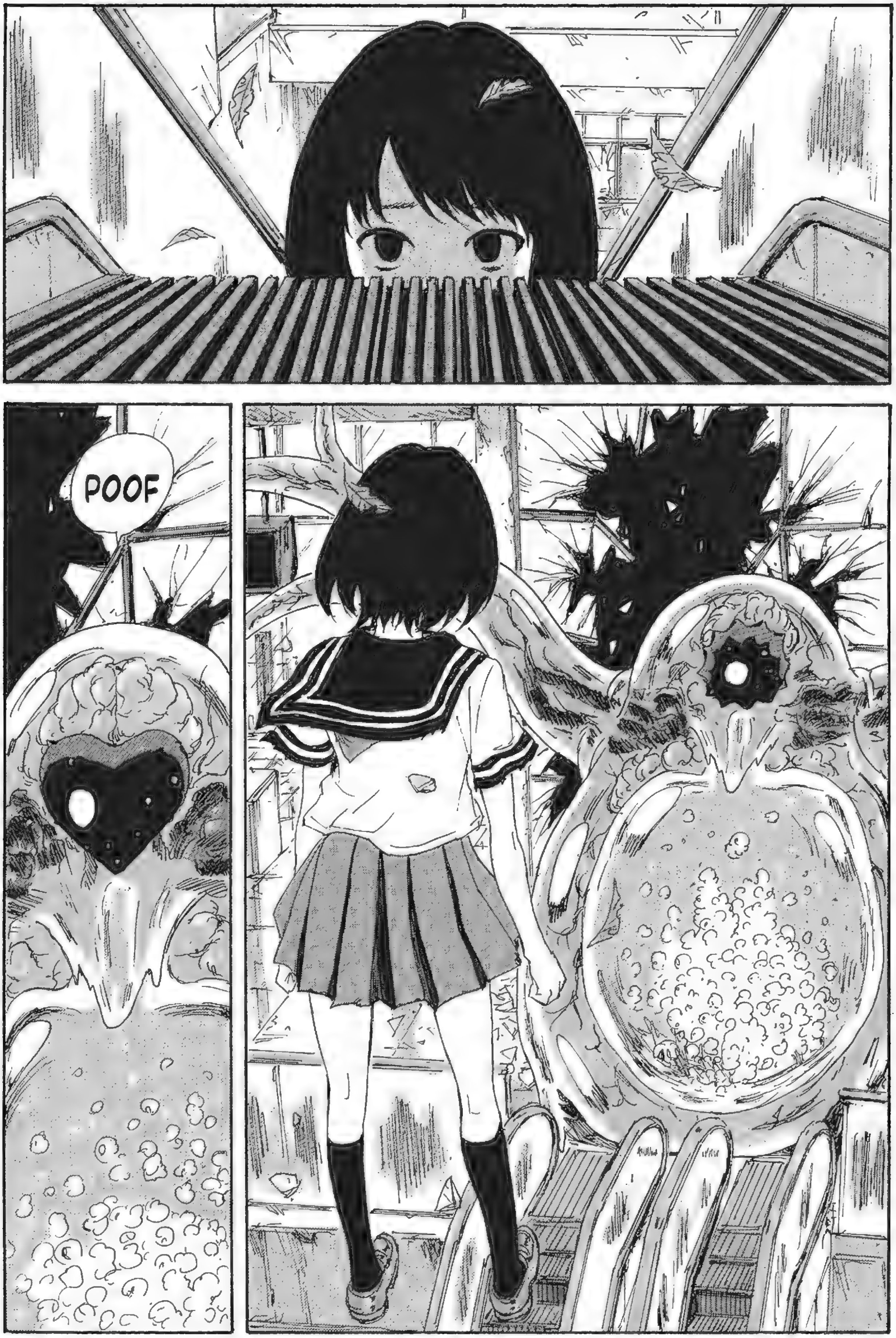

ピロ BEEP
ピロ BEEP
ピロ BEEP
!!
ピロ BEEP
Wh- What is it, Mr. Asimov?!
ピロ BEEP
It's the Geiger counter's alert!
ピロ BEEP
The radiation level's spiking!
Then—
Mana Tsubu-raya's here?!
ピロ BEEP
Wh- Where?! Where's she coming from?!
I don't know!
W-We have to get away, or her neutrons will hurt you!
ピロ BEEP
ピロ BEEP
The stairs!
Go to the upper floor!

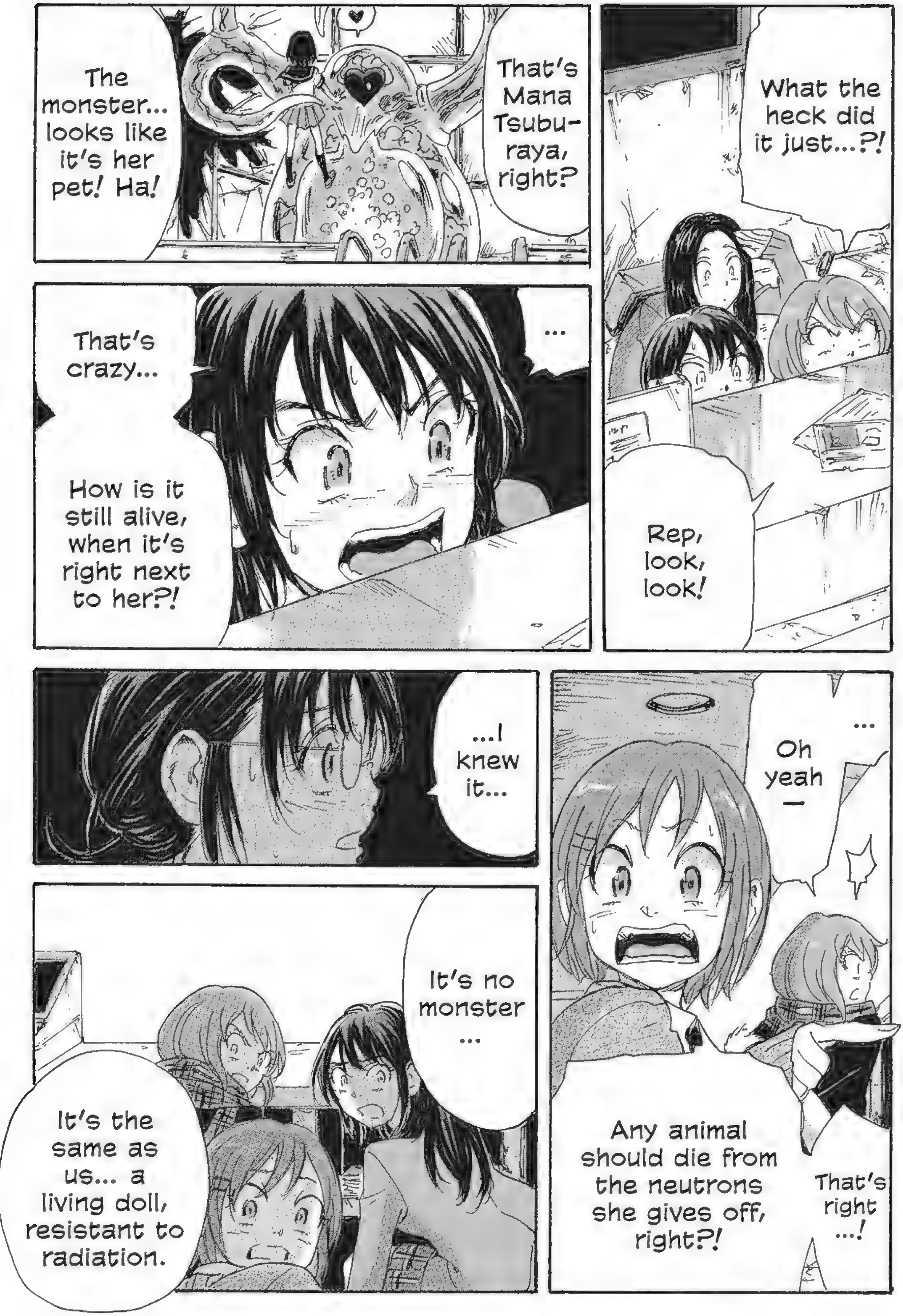

Eek! I can't walk any longer!
STOMP
STOMP
Stop whining and climb! Hurry!
FWAP
Elevator
PLINK
Okay, the reading's gone down!
We'll hide here and—
!!
KRISSSH

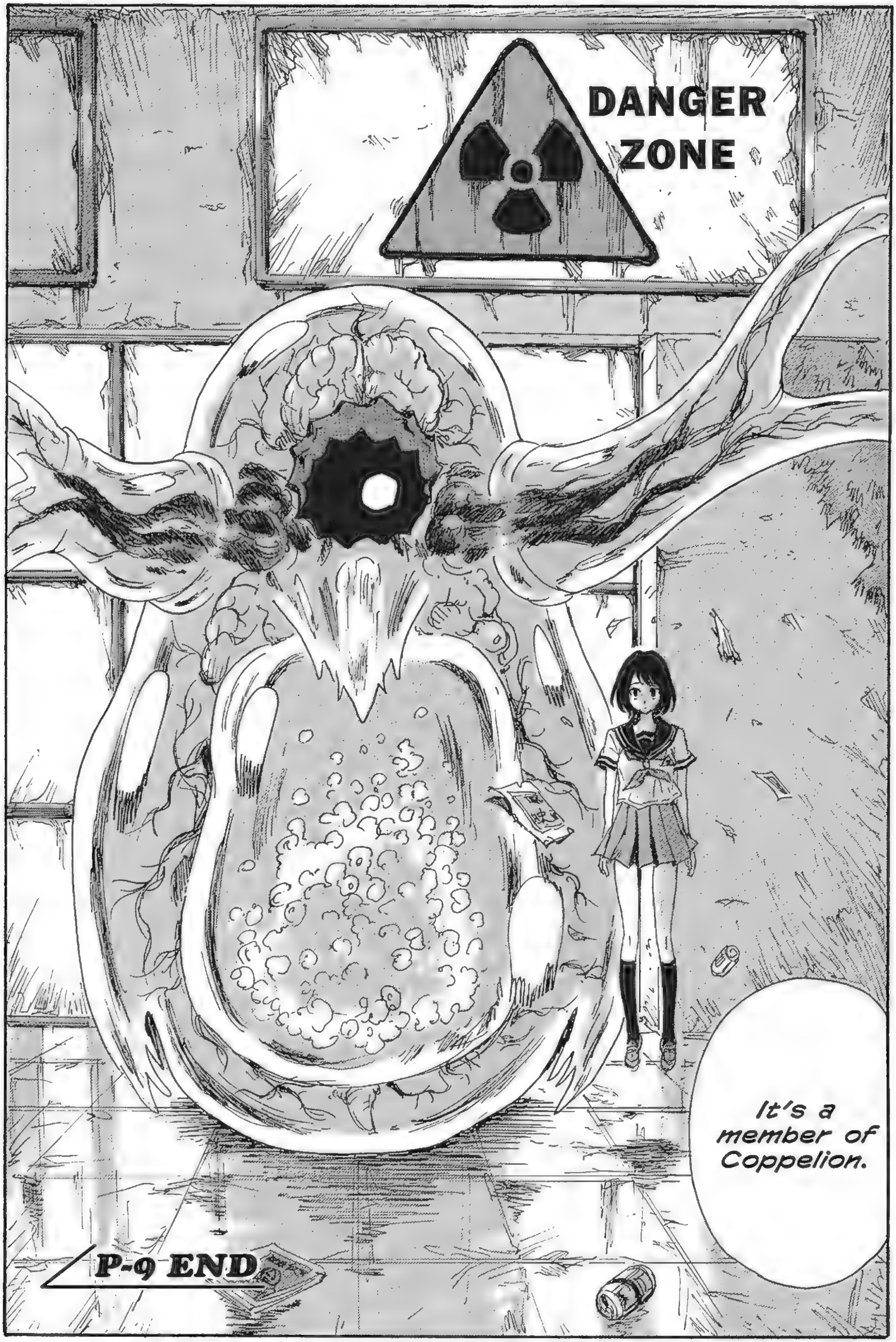

Th—
The return of the mutant water flea!!
BLAM
BLAM
MYOOOOO
Head further in!
This is a movie, right? Right?!
BOOF
BLAM


Aoi, there you are!
Ibara, the monster's back there!
TMP
MYOOOO
!
TICKETS
Crap, it's still after us?!
JUMP
TMP
TMP
Hide behind the ticket counter!
BLAM
BLAM
...?!
GLANCE
GLANCE
MYOOOO
...

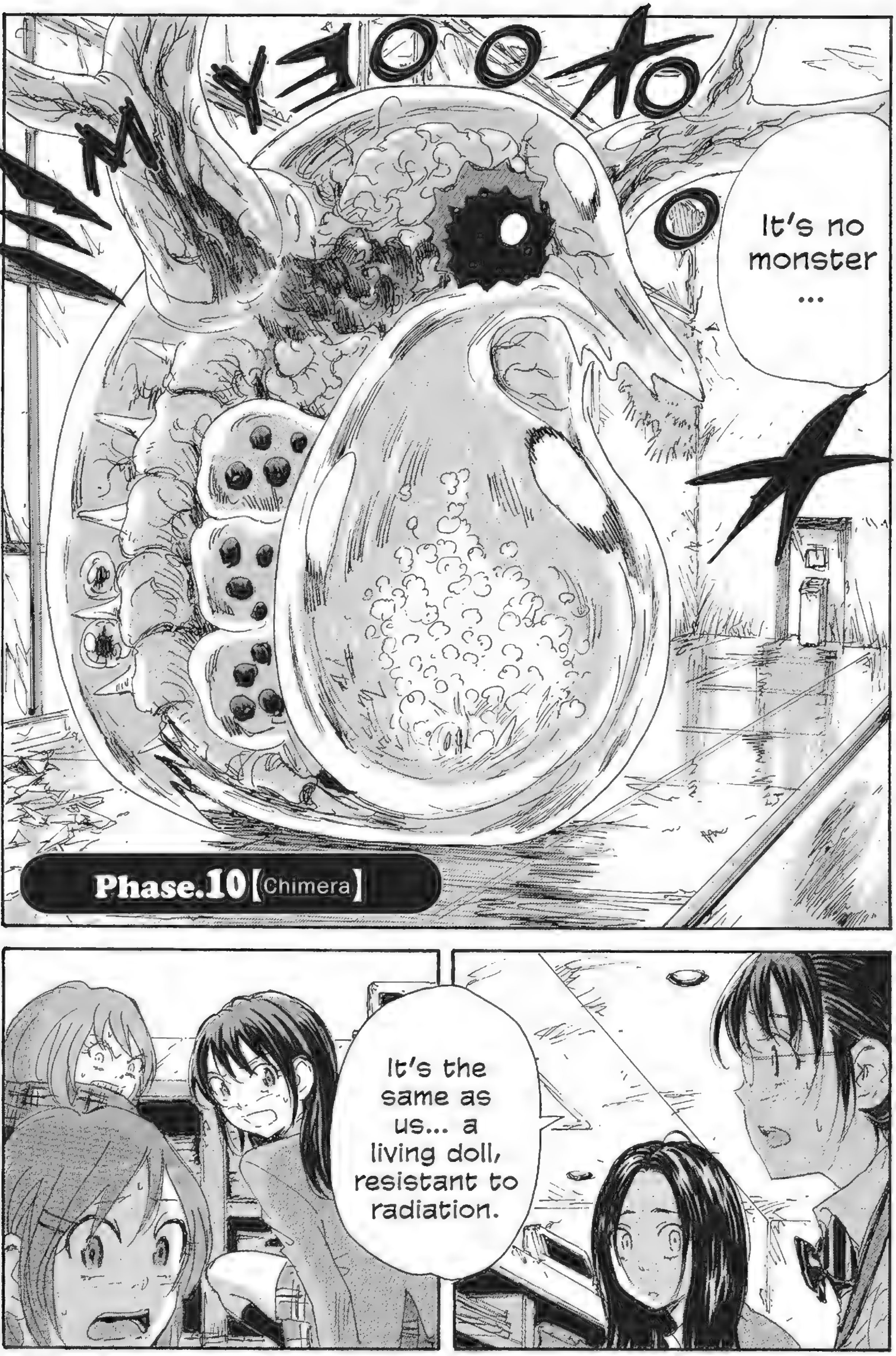

TMP
TMP
Mr. Asimov, get back!
Huh?
What's up with that?
GLANCE
GLANCE
It's lookin' for something.
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
!!
Hide for now, you two!
TICK
TICK
Oh, no...


POOF


What the heck did it just...?!
Rep, look, look!
That's Mana Tsuburaya, right?
The monster... looks like it's her pet! Ha!
...
That's crazy...
How is it still alive, when it's right next to her?!
...
Oh yeah —
Any animal should die from the neutrons she gives off, right?!
That's right...!
...I knew it...
It's no monster...
It's the same as us... a living doll, resistant to radiation.


DANGER ZONE
It's a member of Coppelion.
P-9 END

Phase.10 【Chimera】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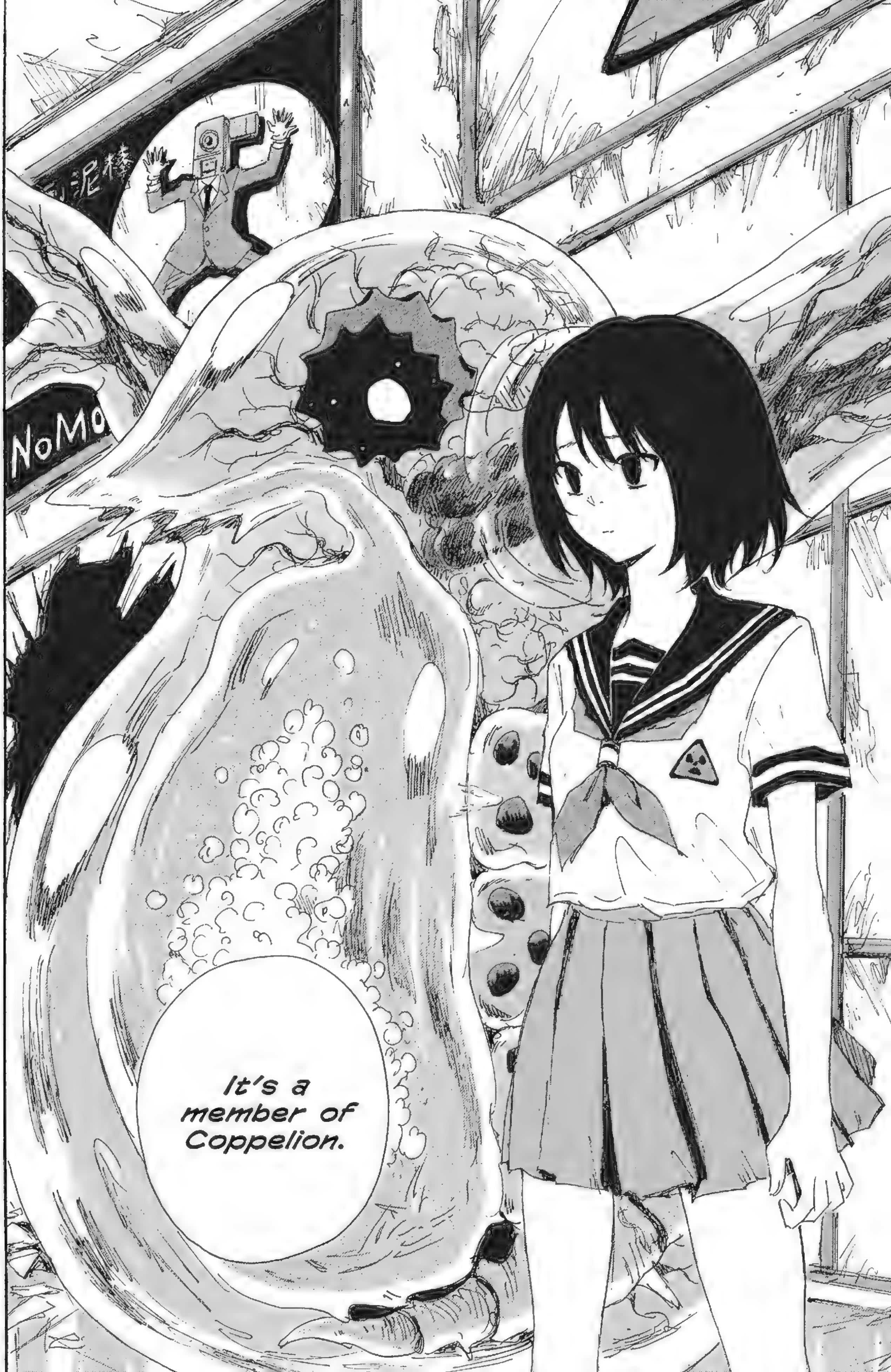
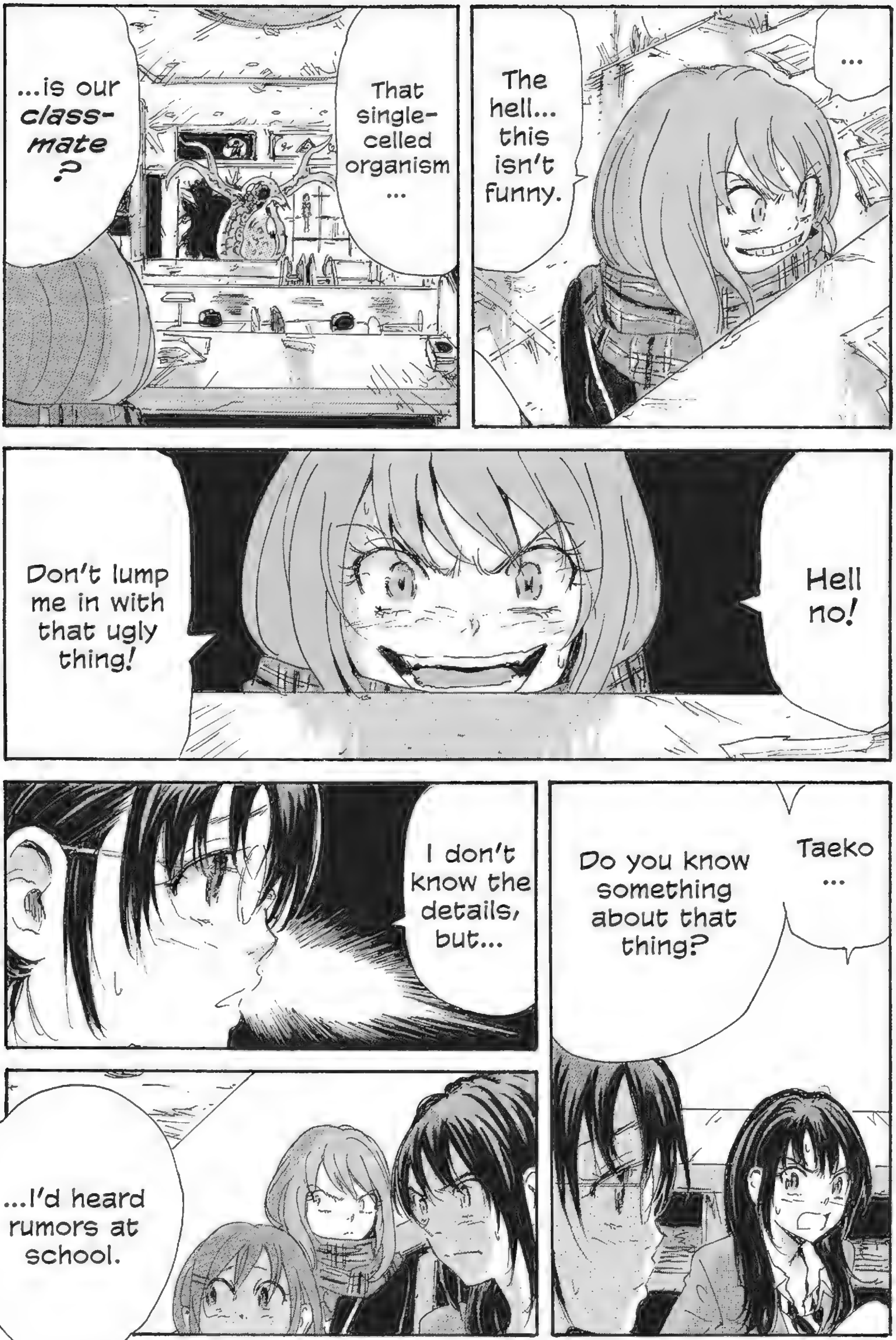
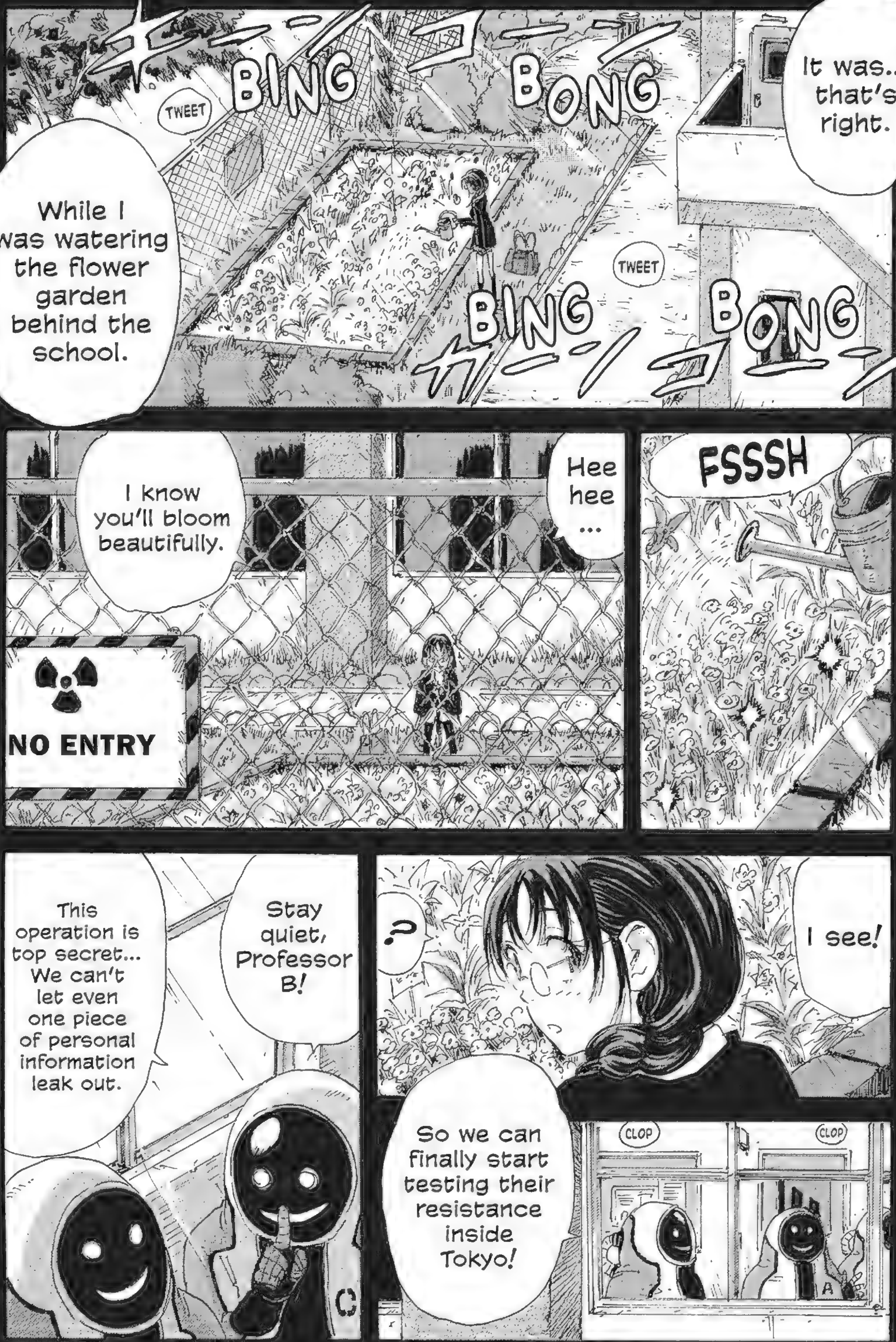
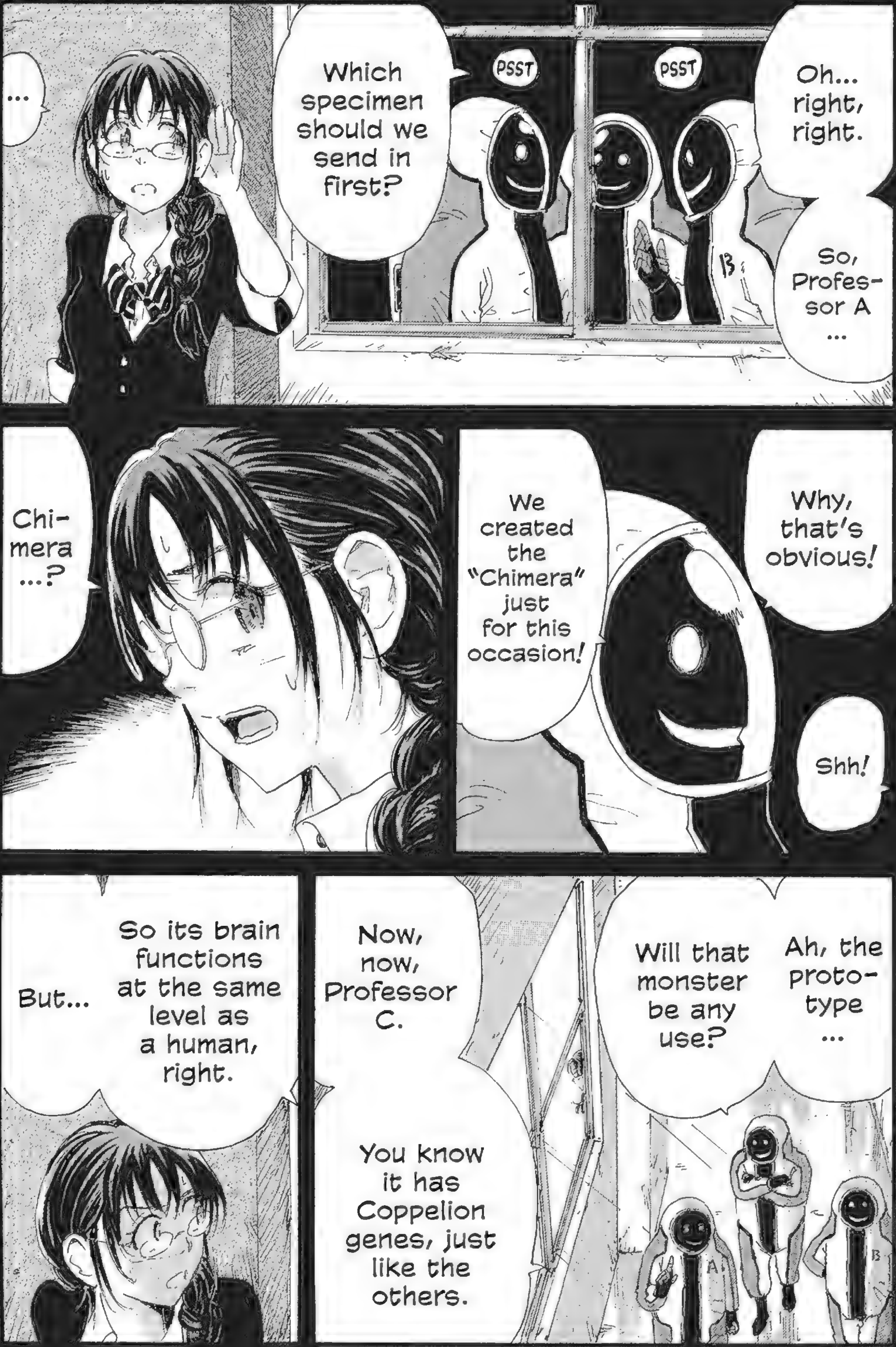
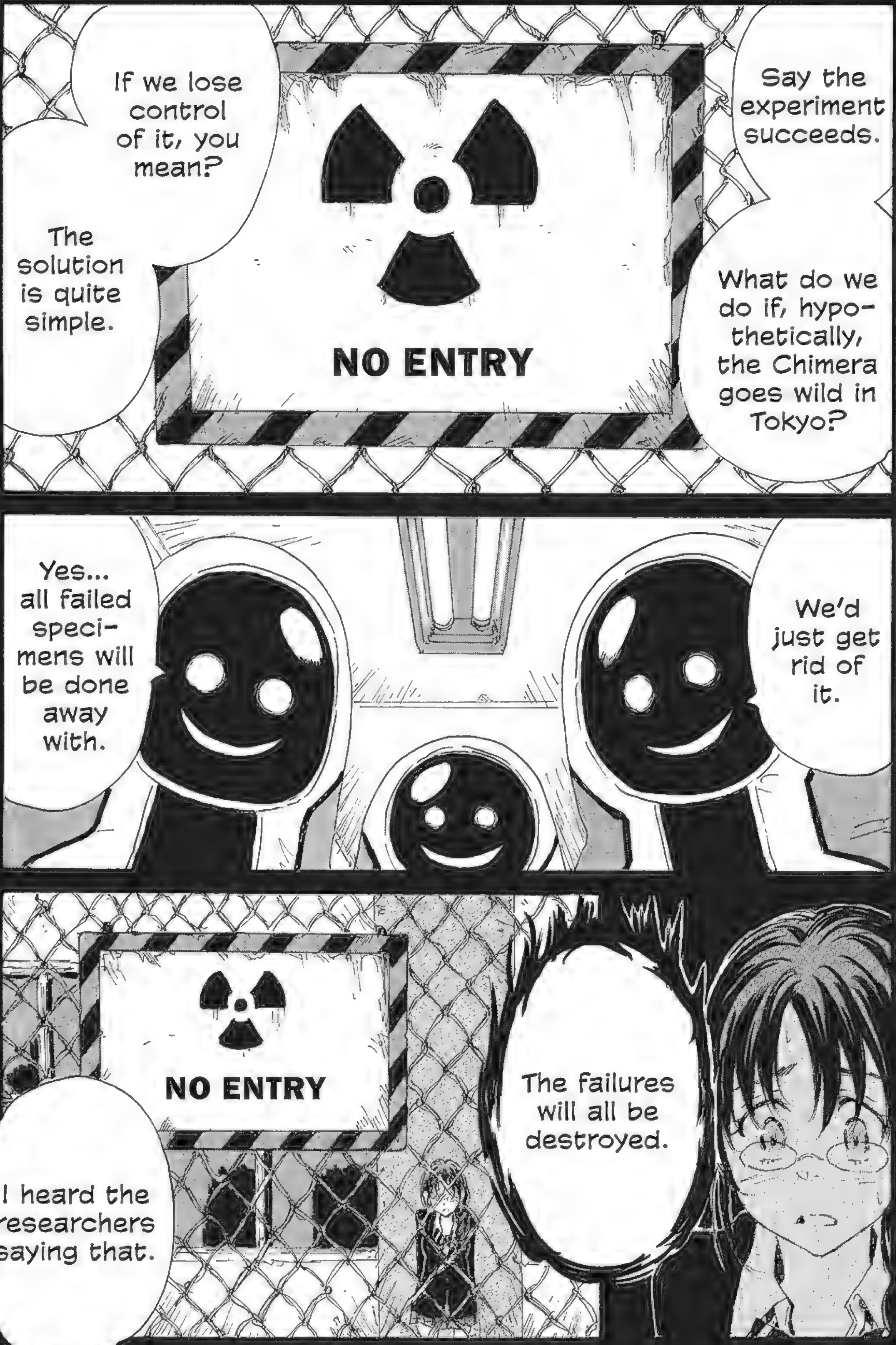


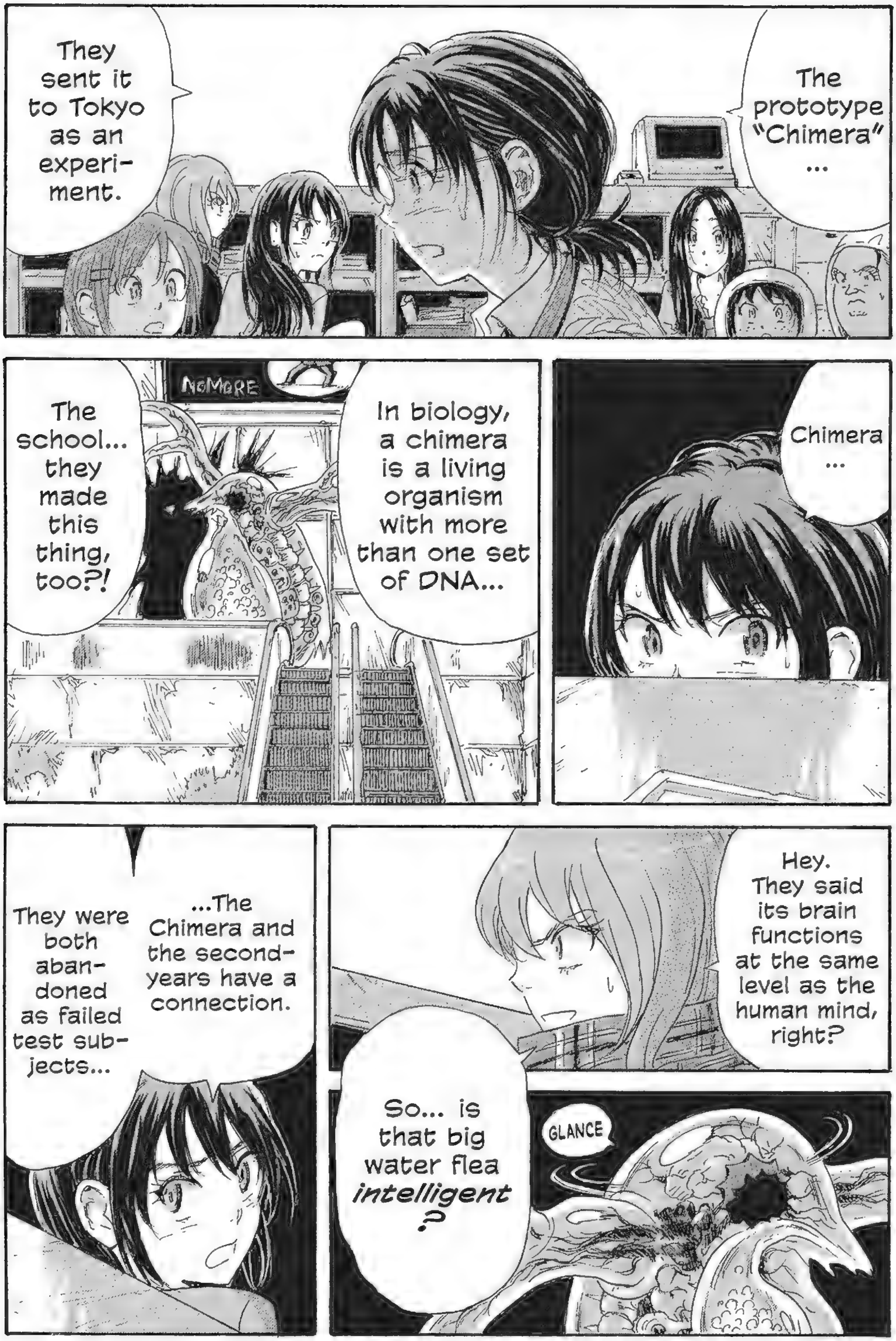
泥棒
NoMo
It's a member of Coppelion.

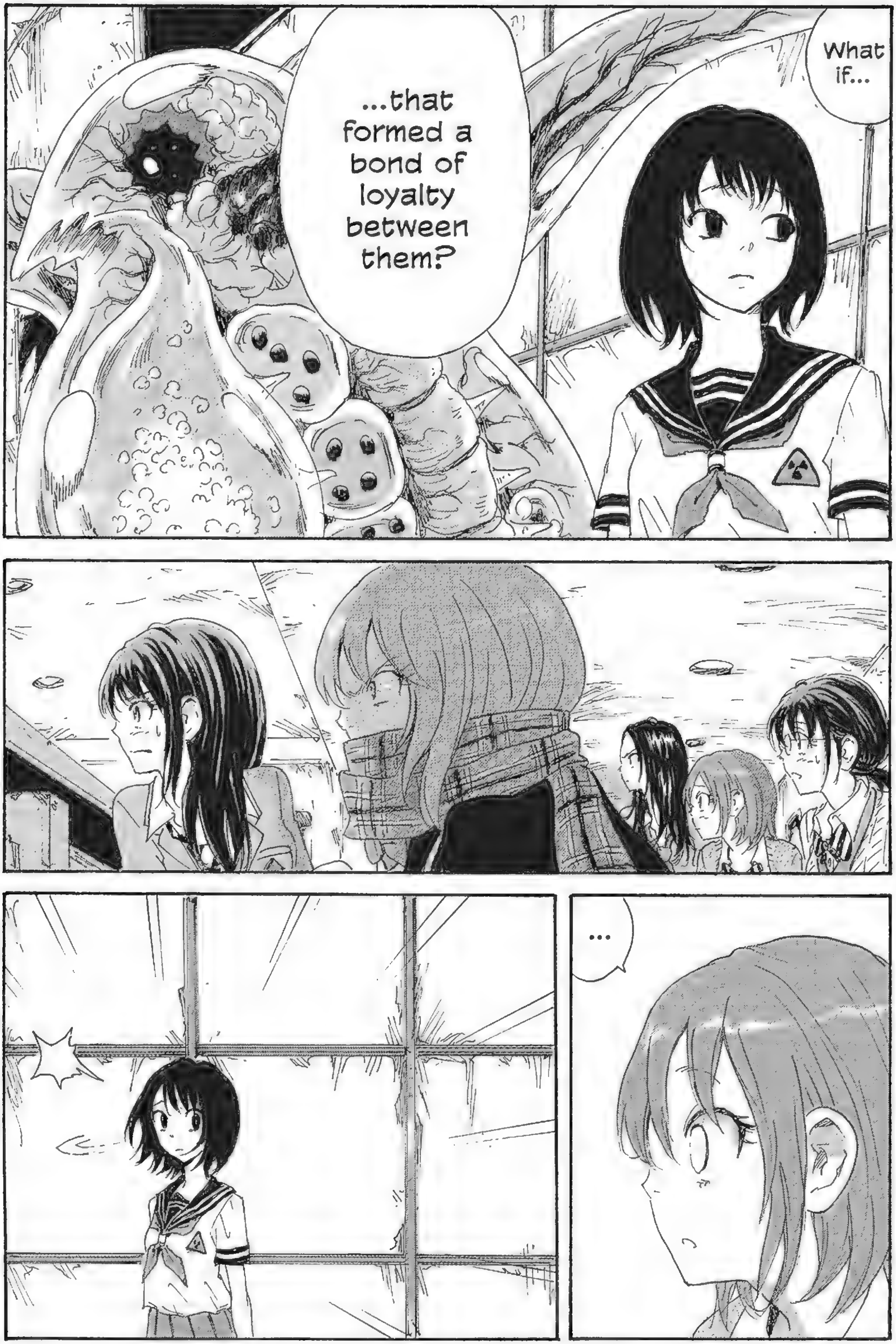

...
The hell... this isn't funny.
That single-celled organism...
...is our *classmate*?
Hell no!
Don't lump me in with that ugly thing!
Taeko...
Do you know something about that thing?
I don't know the details, but...
...I'd heard rumors at school.

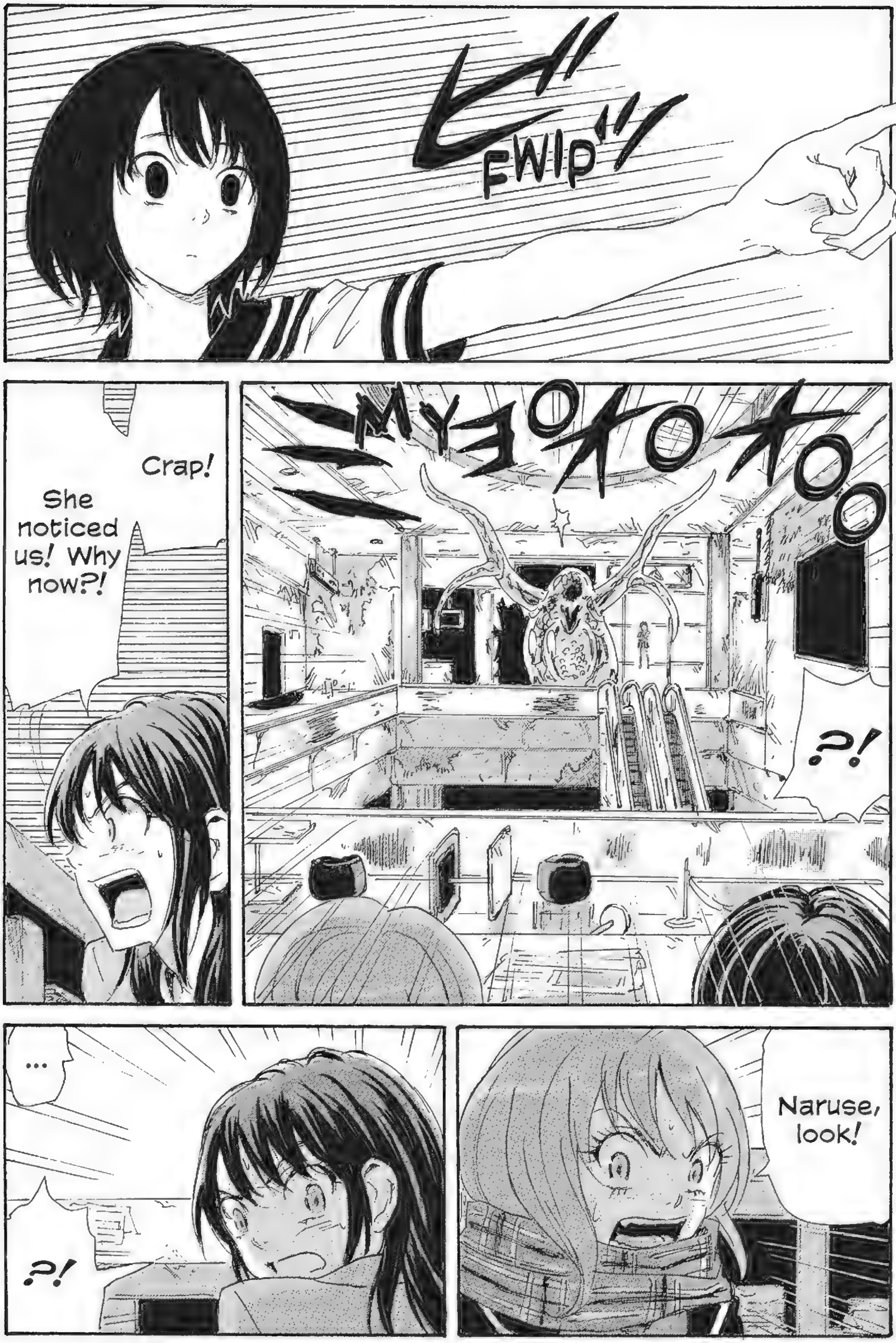

It was... that's right.
BING BONG
TWEET
While I was watering the flower garden behind the school.
TWEET
BING BONG
FSSSH
Hee hee...
I know you'll bloom beautifully.
NO ENTRY
I see!
?
So we can finally start testing their resistance inside Tokyo!
CLOP
CLOP
A
Stay quiet, Professor B!
This operation is top secret... We can't let even one piece of personal information leak out.
C

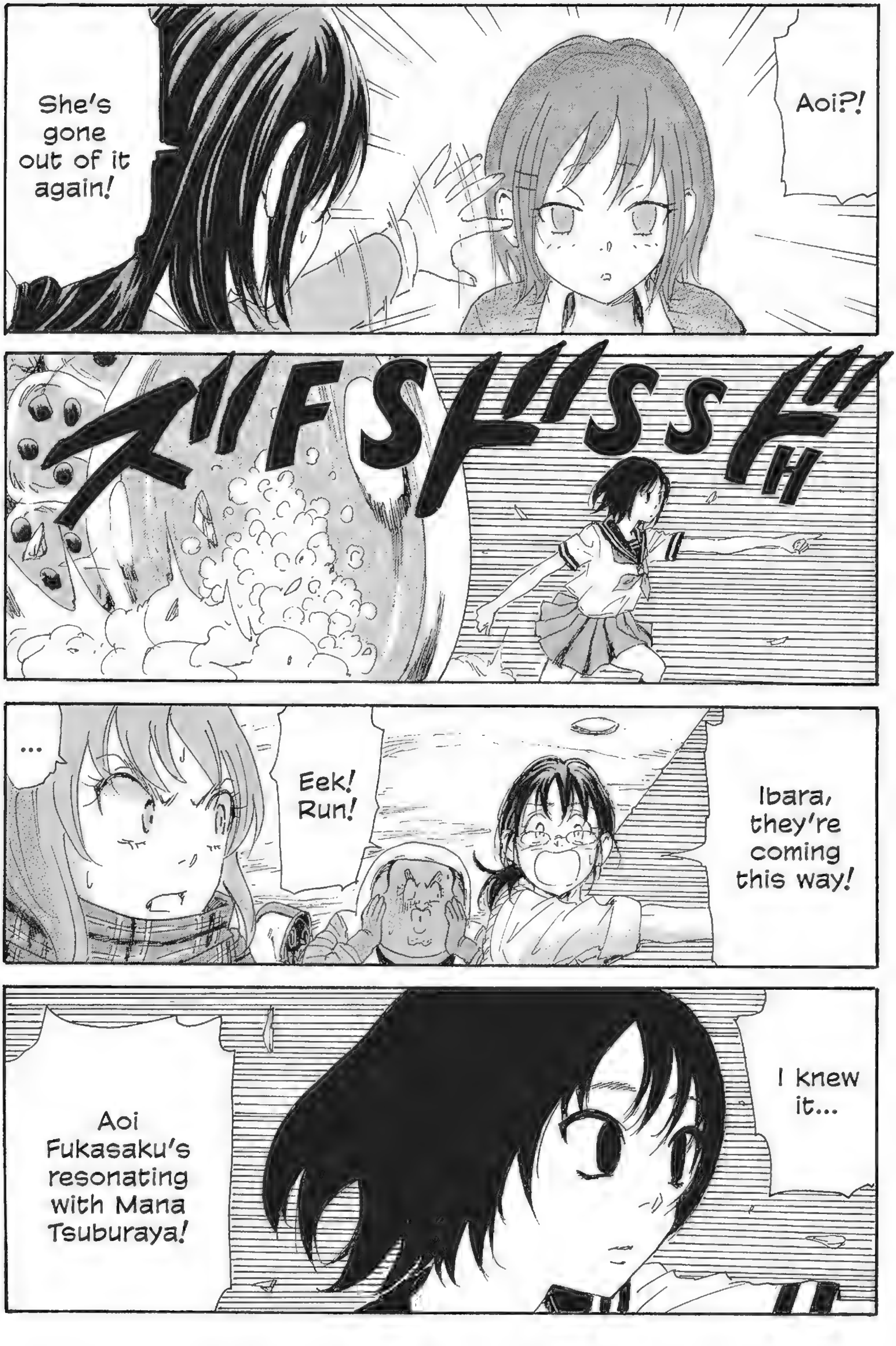

PSST
PSST
Oh... right, right.
So, Professor A ...
Which specimen should we send in first?
...
Why, that's obvious!
Shh!
We created the "Chimera" just for this occasion!
Chimera ...?
Ah, the prototype ...
Will that monster be any use?
Now, now, Professor C.
You know it has Coppelion genes, just like the others.
So its brain functions at the same level as a human, right.
But...

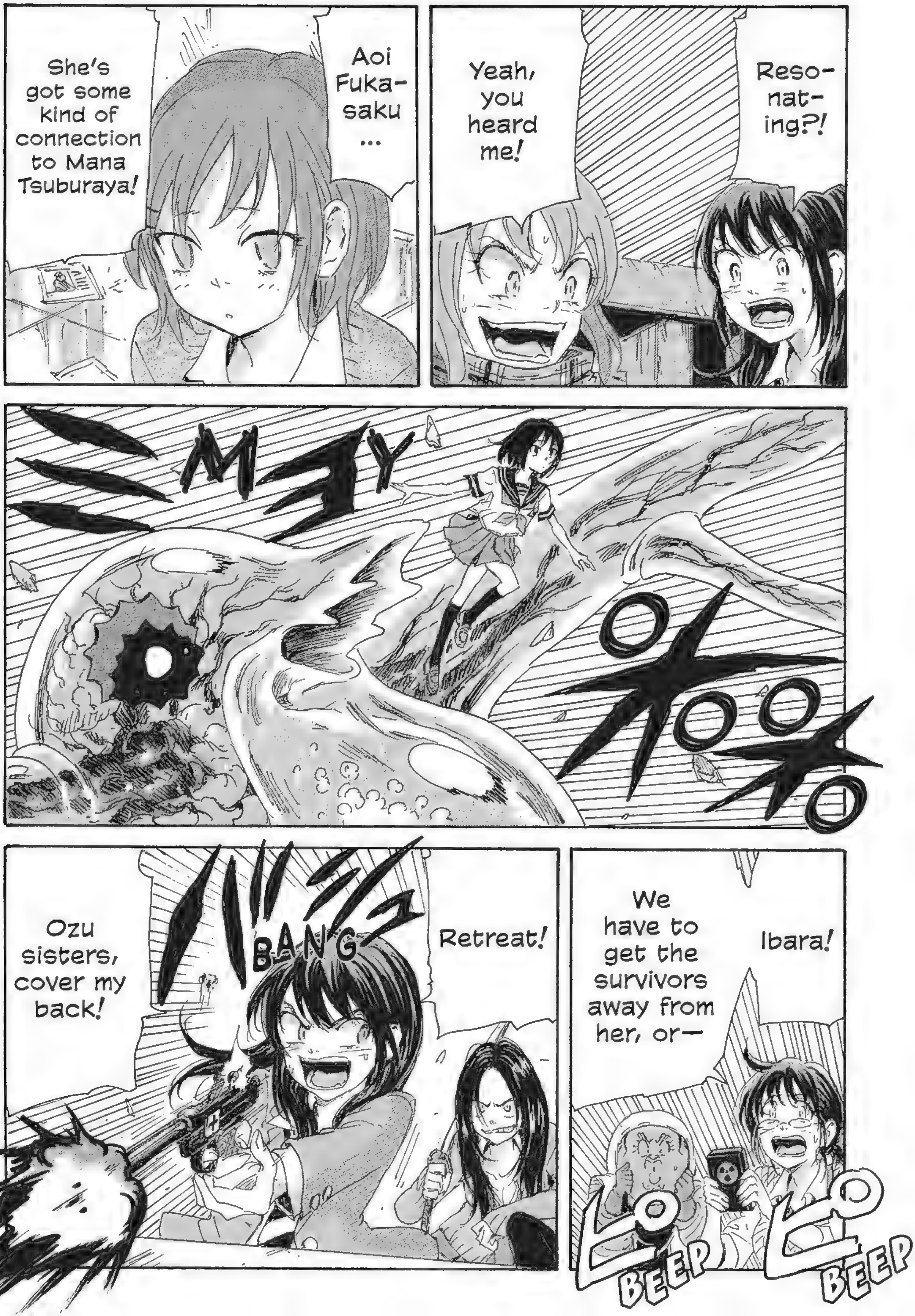

Say the experiment succeeds.
What do we do if, hypothetically, the Chimera goes wild in Tokyo?
NO ENTRY
If we lose control of it, you mean?
The solution is quite simple.
We'd just get rid of it.
Yes... all failed specimens will be done away with.
The failures will all be destroyed.
NO ENTRY
I heard the researchers saying that.

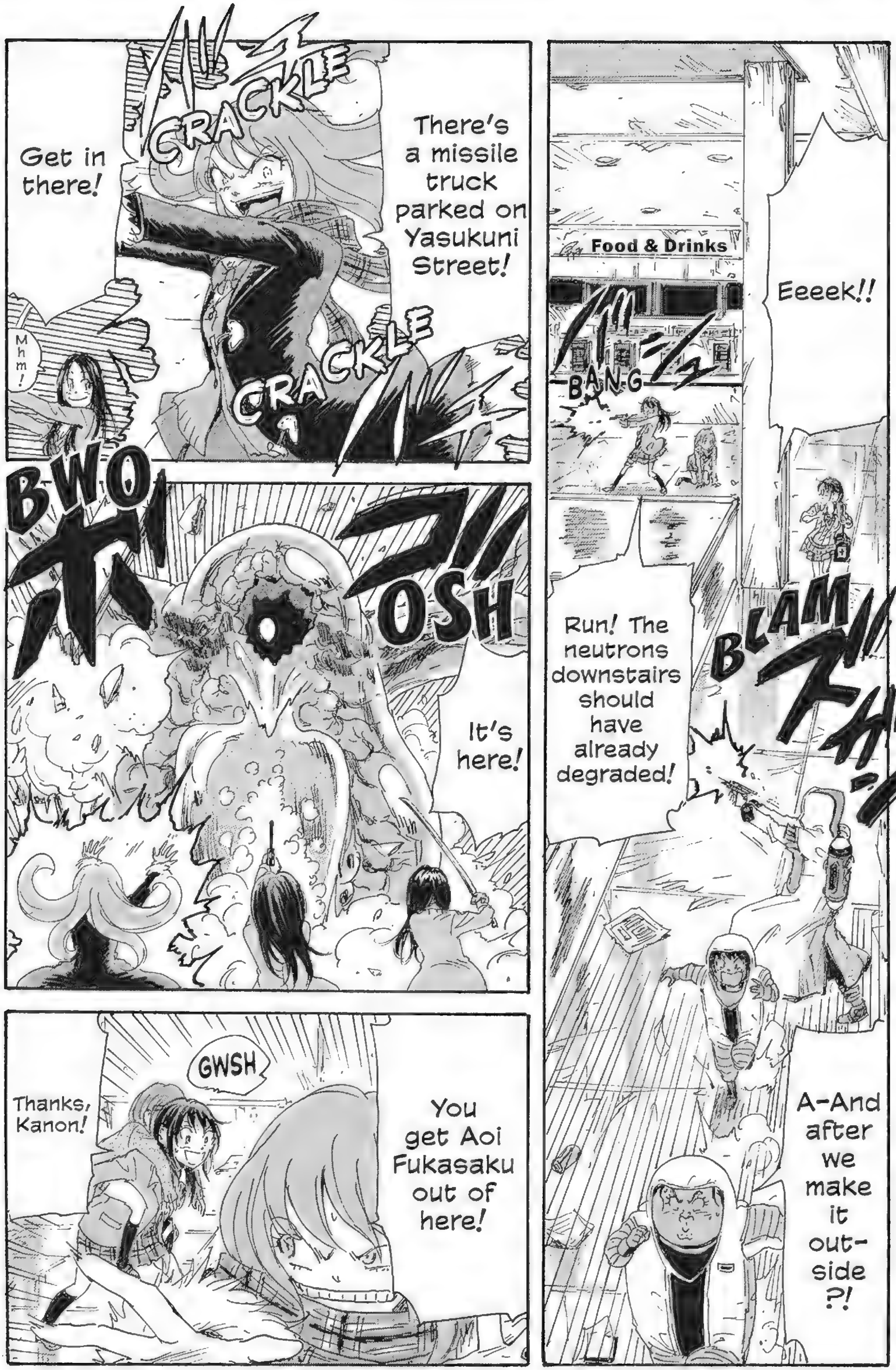

The prototype "Chimera"...
They sent it to Tokyo as an experiment.
Chimera...
In biology, a chimera is a living organism with more than one set of DNA...
The school... they made this thing, too?!
NOMORE
Hey. They said its brain functions at the same level as the human mind, right?
So... is that big water flea *intelligent*?
GLANCE
...The Chimera and the second-years have a connection.
They were both abandoned as failed test subjects...

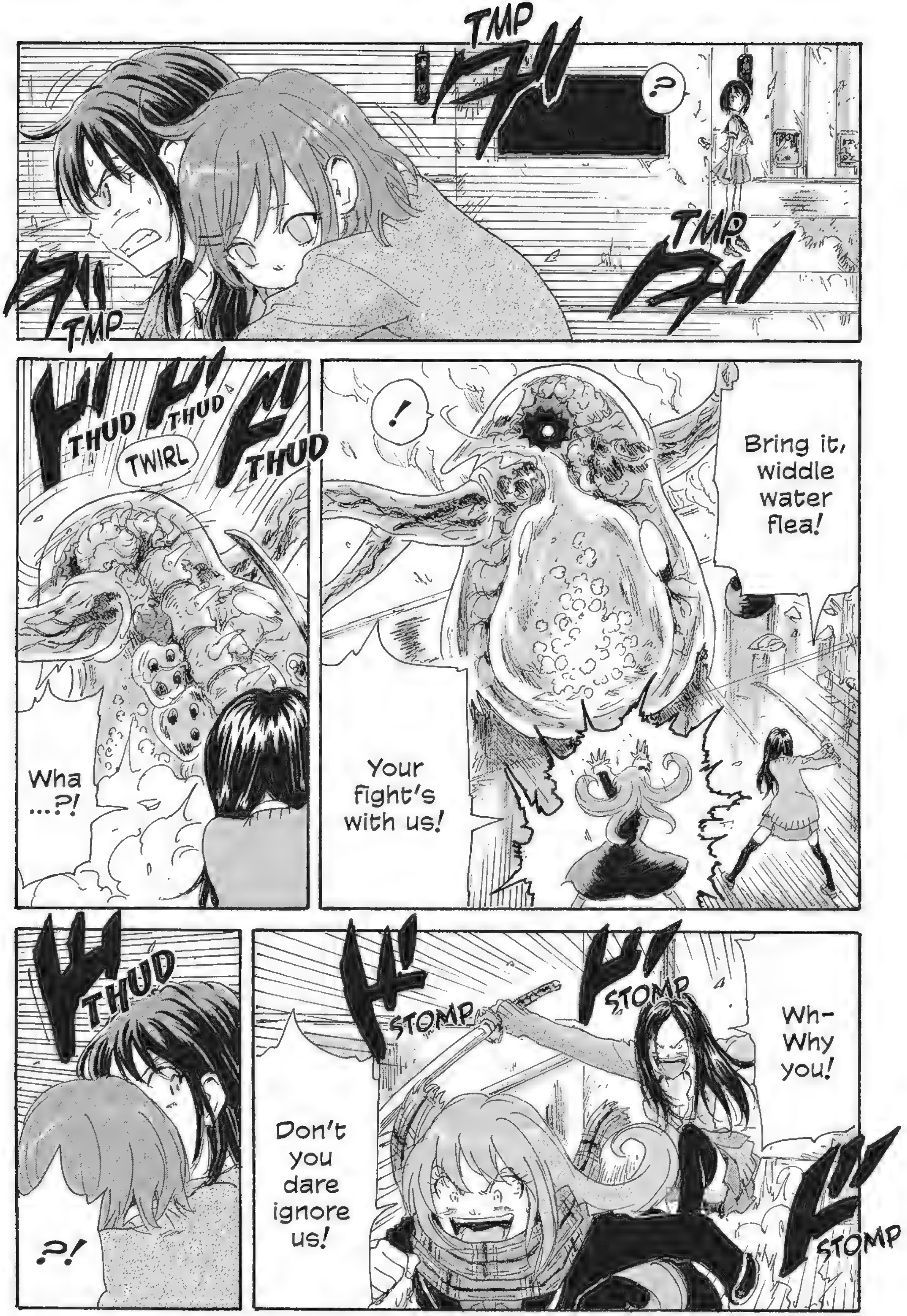

What if...
...that formed a bond of loyalty between them?
...

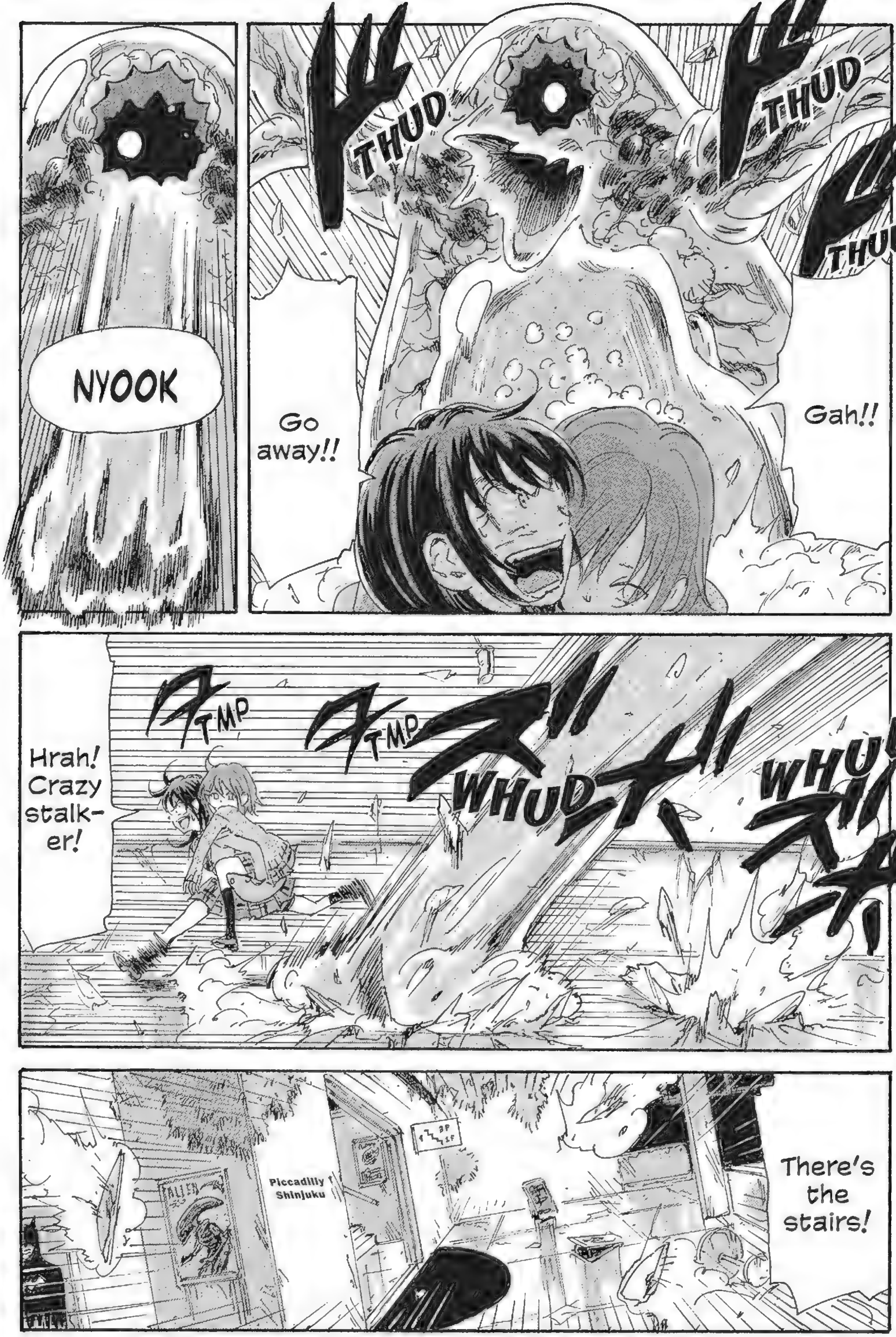

FWIP
MYOOOO
?!
Crap!
She noticed us! Why now?!
Naruse, look!
...
?!

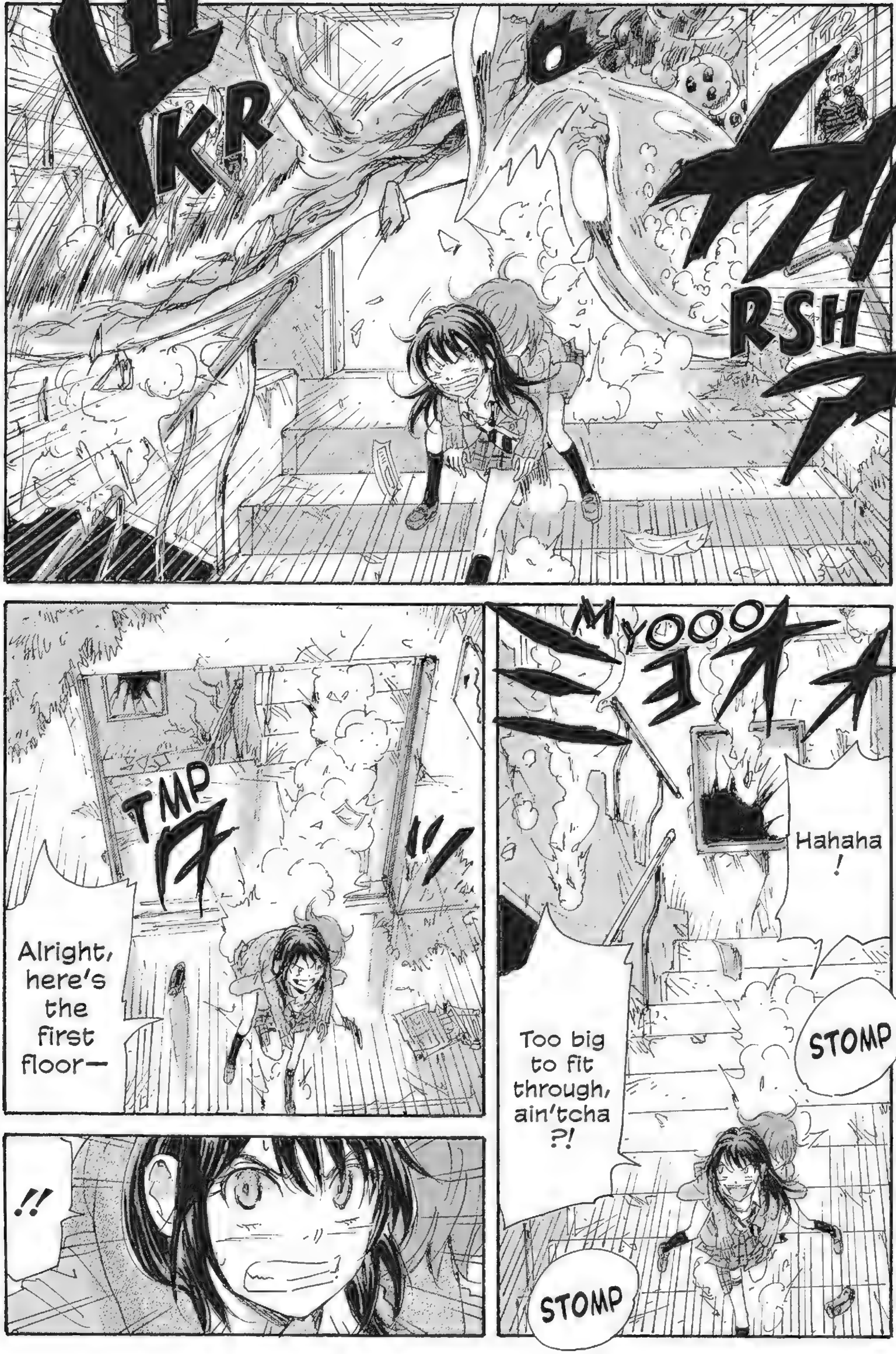

Aoi?!
She's gone out of it again!
FSSSSH
Ibara, they're coming this way!
Eek! Run!
...
I knew it...
Aoi Fukasaku's resonating with Mana Tsuburaya!


Resonating?!
Yeah, you heard me!
Aoi Fukasaku...
She's got some kind of connection to Mana Tsuburaya!
Ibara!
We have to get the survivors away from her, or—
BEEP
BEEP
Retreat!
BANG
Ozu sisters, cover my back!


Food & Drinks
BANG
Eeeek!!
BLAM
Run! The neutrons downstairs should have already degraded!
A-And after we make it outside?!
CRACKLE
There's a missile truck parked on Yasukuni Street!
Get in there!
CRACKLE
Mhm!
BWOOSH
It's here!
GWSH
You get Aoi Fukasaku out of here!
Thanks, Kanon!


TMP
?
TMP
TMP
Bring it, widdle water flea!
!
Your fight's with us!
THUD
THUD
TWIRL
THUD
Wha ...?!
Wh- Why you!
STOMP
STOMP
Don't you dare ignore us!
STOMP
THUD
?!


THUD
THUD
THUD
Gah!!
Go away!!
NYOOK
WHUD
WHUD
TMP
TMP
Hrah! Crazy stalker!
There's the stairs!
Piccadilly Shinjuku
ALIEN


KR
RSH
MYOOO
Hahaha!
Too big to fit through, ain'tcha?!
STOMP
STOMP
TMP
Alright, here's the first floor—
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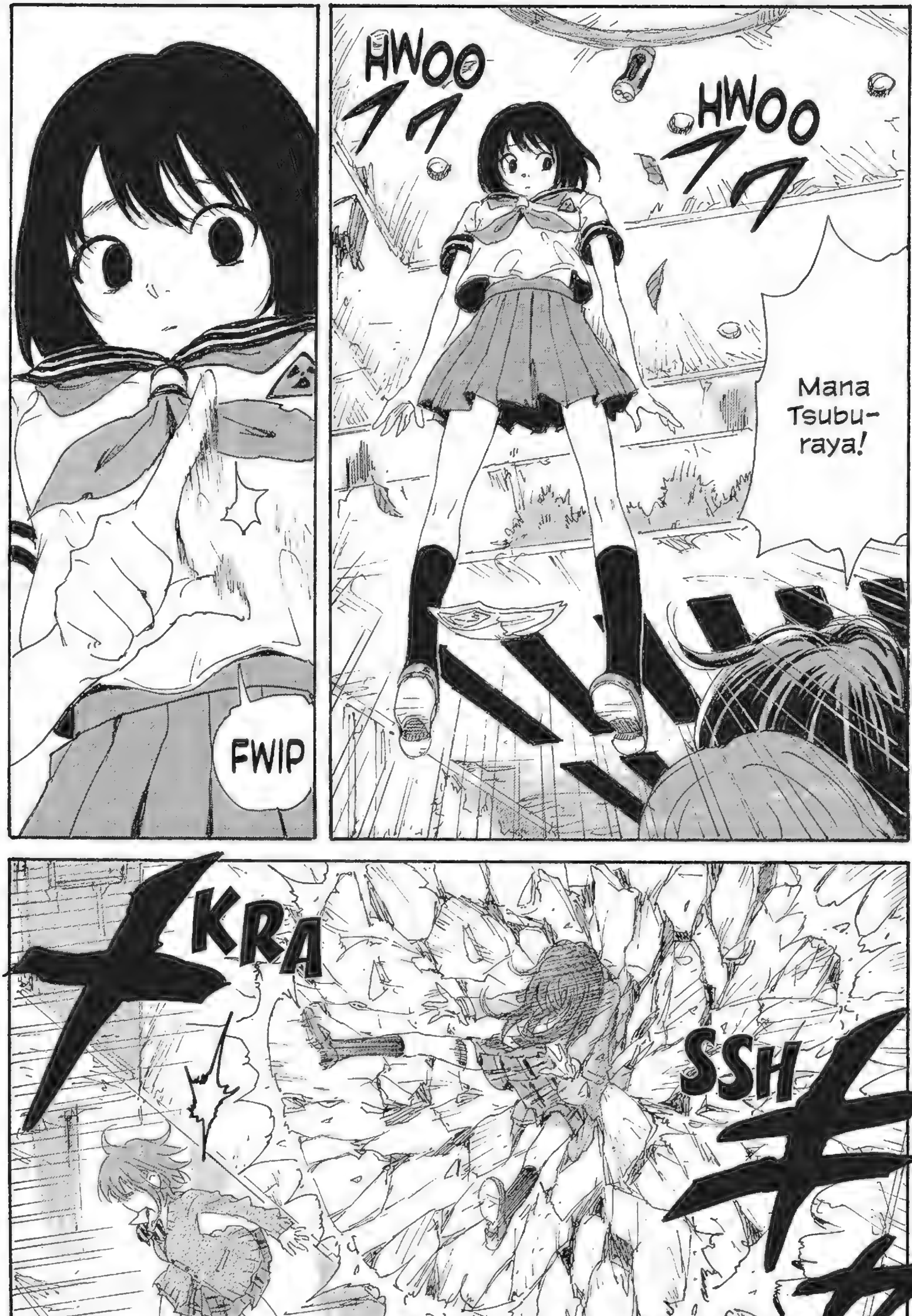
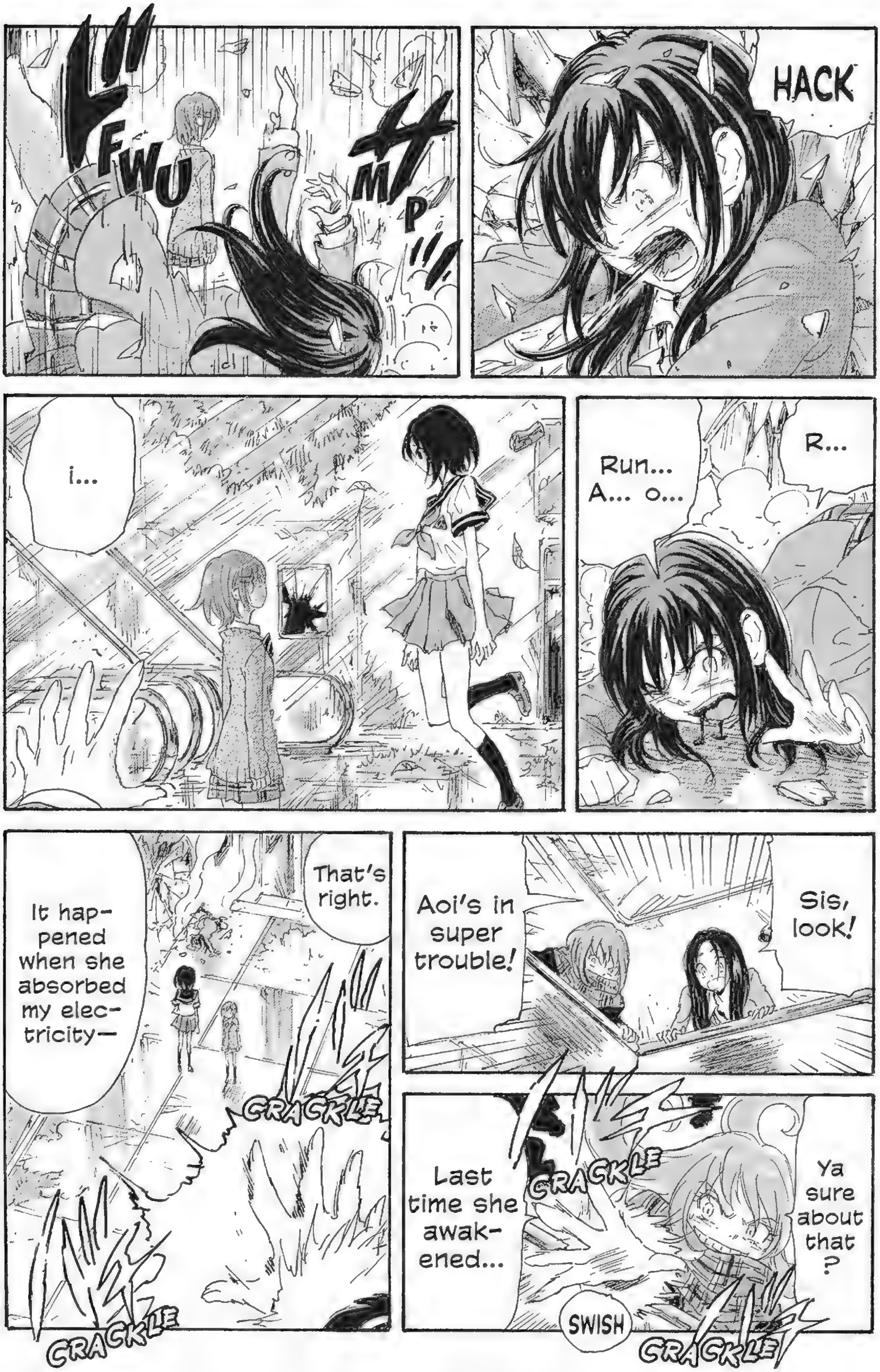
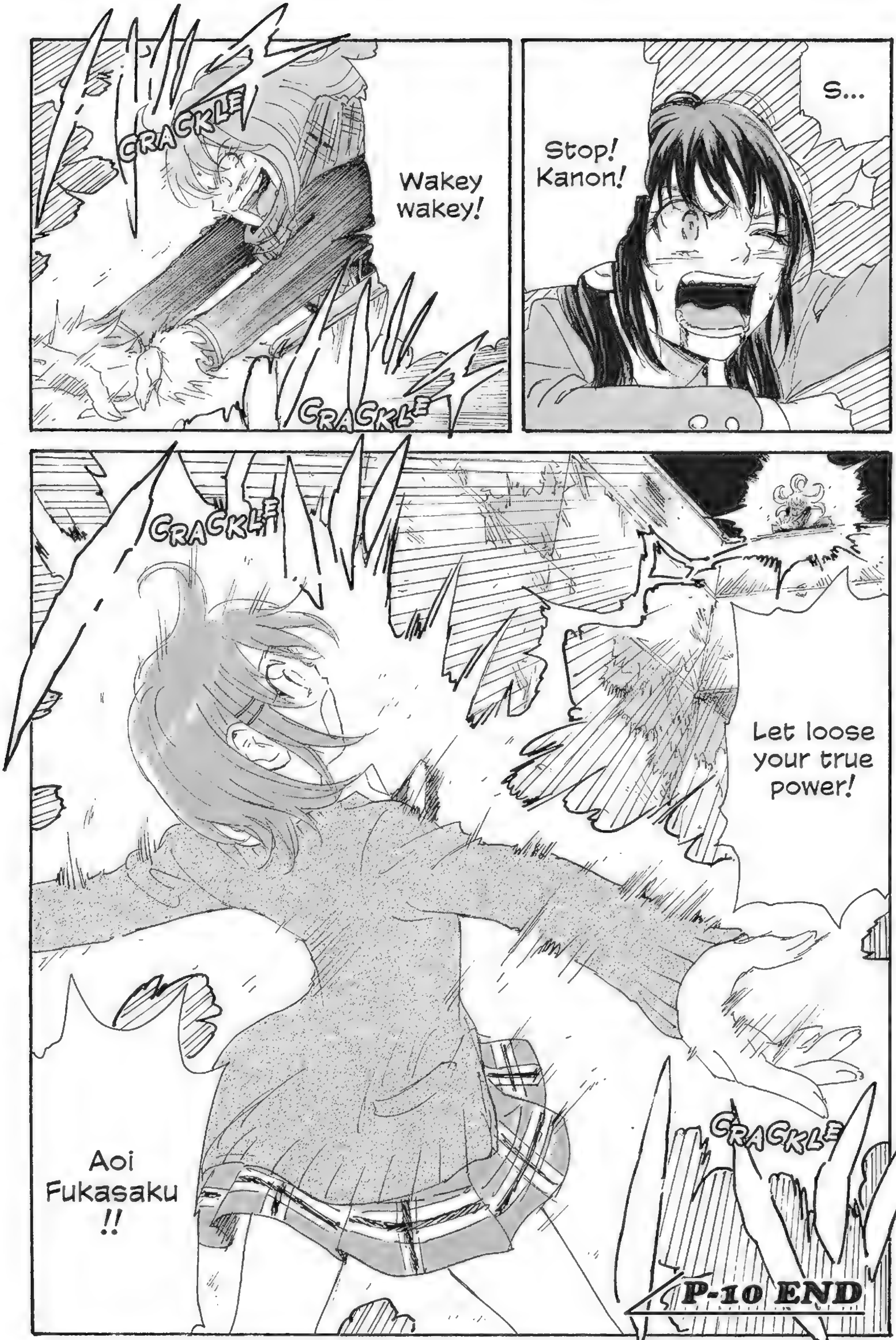
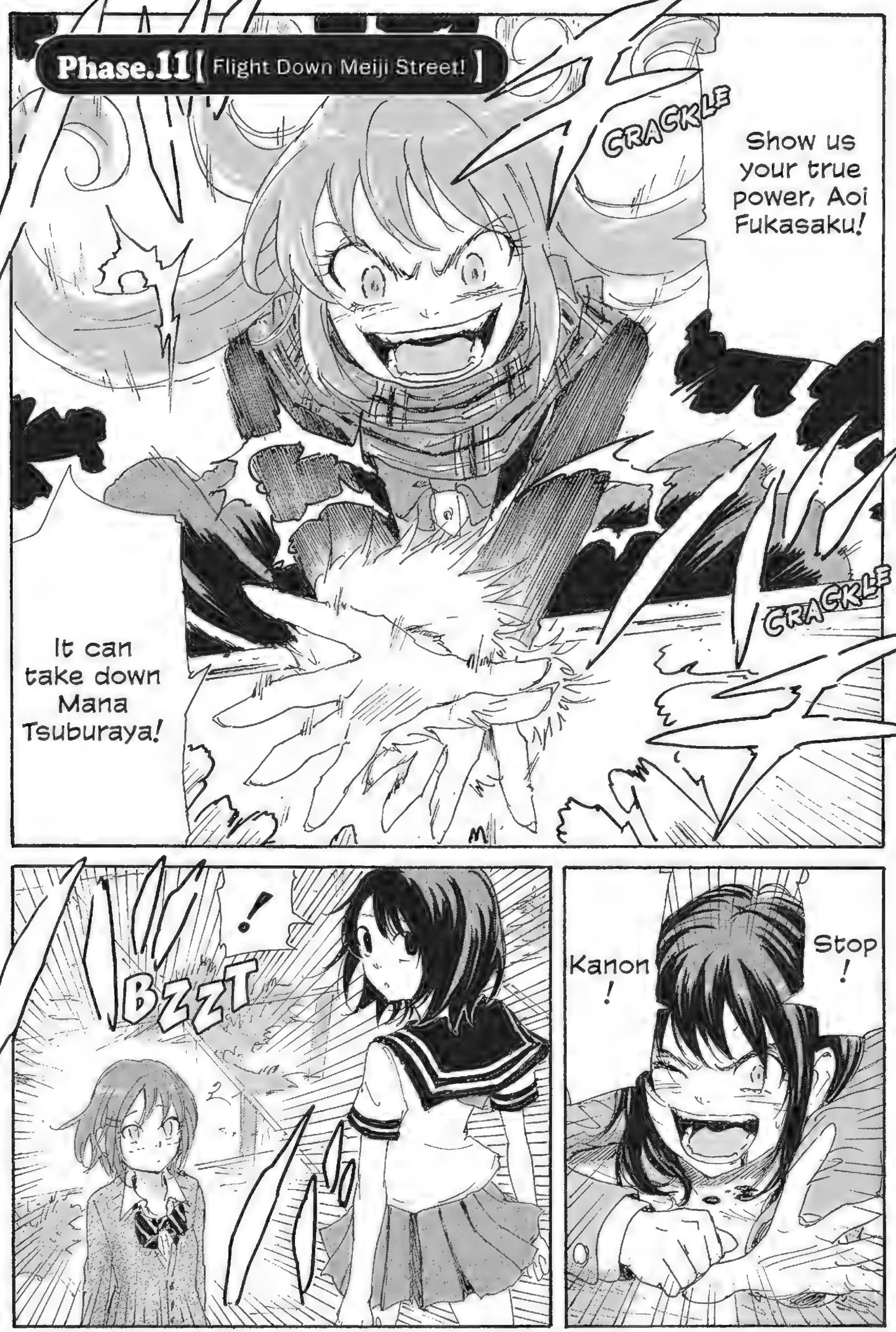

HWOO
HWOO
Mana Tsuburaya!
FWIP
KRA
SSH


HACK
FWUMP
R...
Run... A... o...
i...
Sis, look!
Aoi's in super trouble!
CRACKLE
SWISH
Ya sure about that?
Last time she awakened...
CRACKLE
That's right.
It happened when she absorbed my electricity—
CRACKLE
CRACKLE

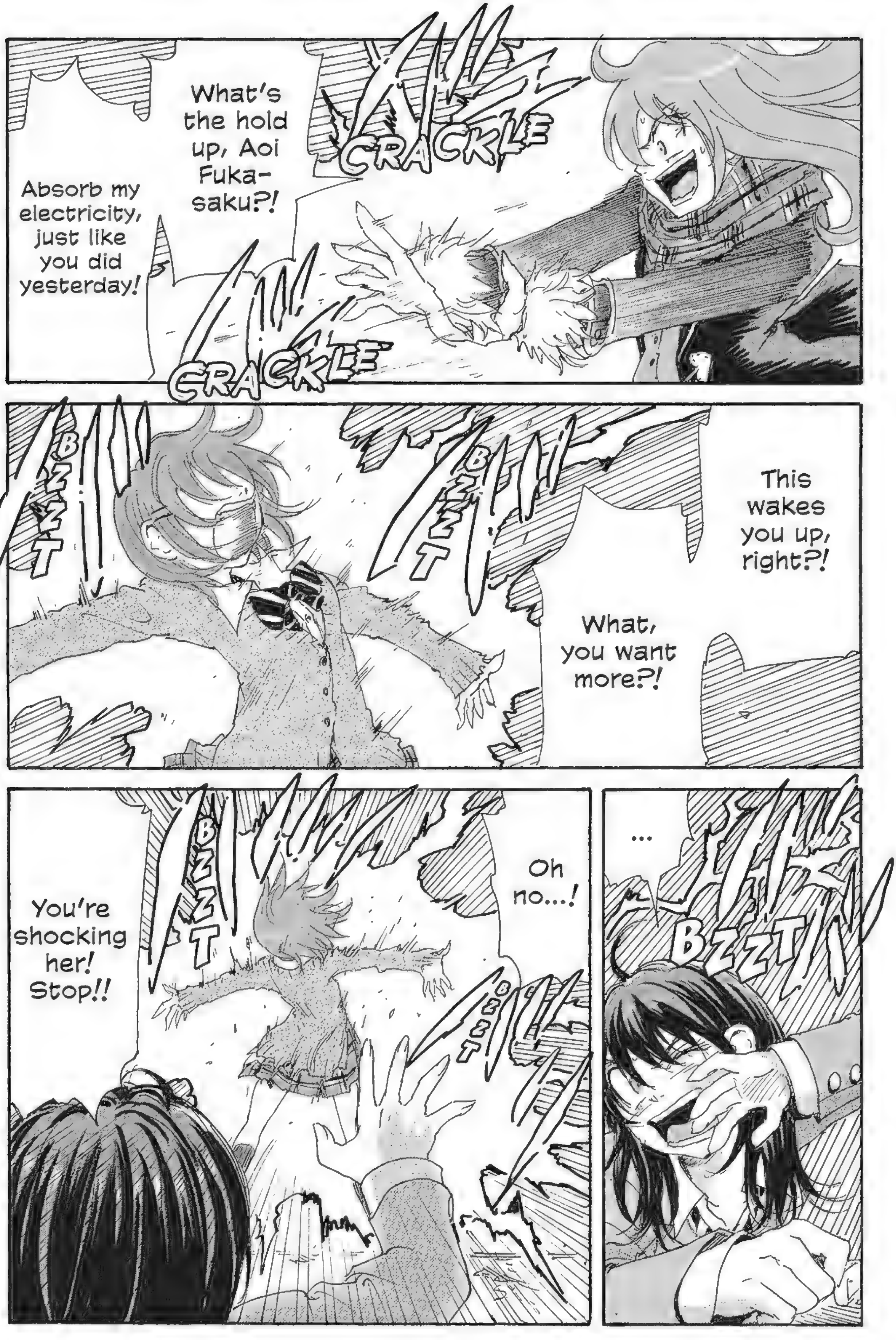

S...
Stop! Kanon!
Wakey wakey!
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
Let loose your true power!
Aoi Fukasaku !!
CRACKLE
P-10 END

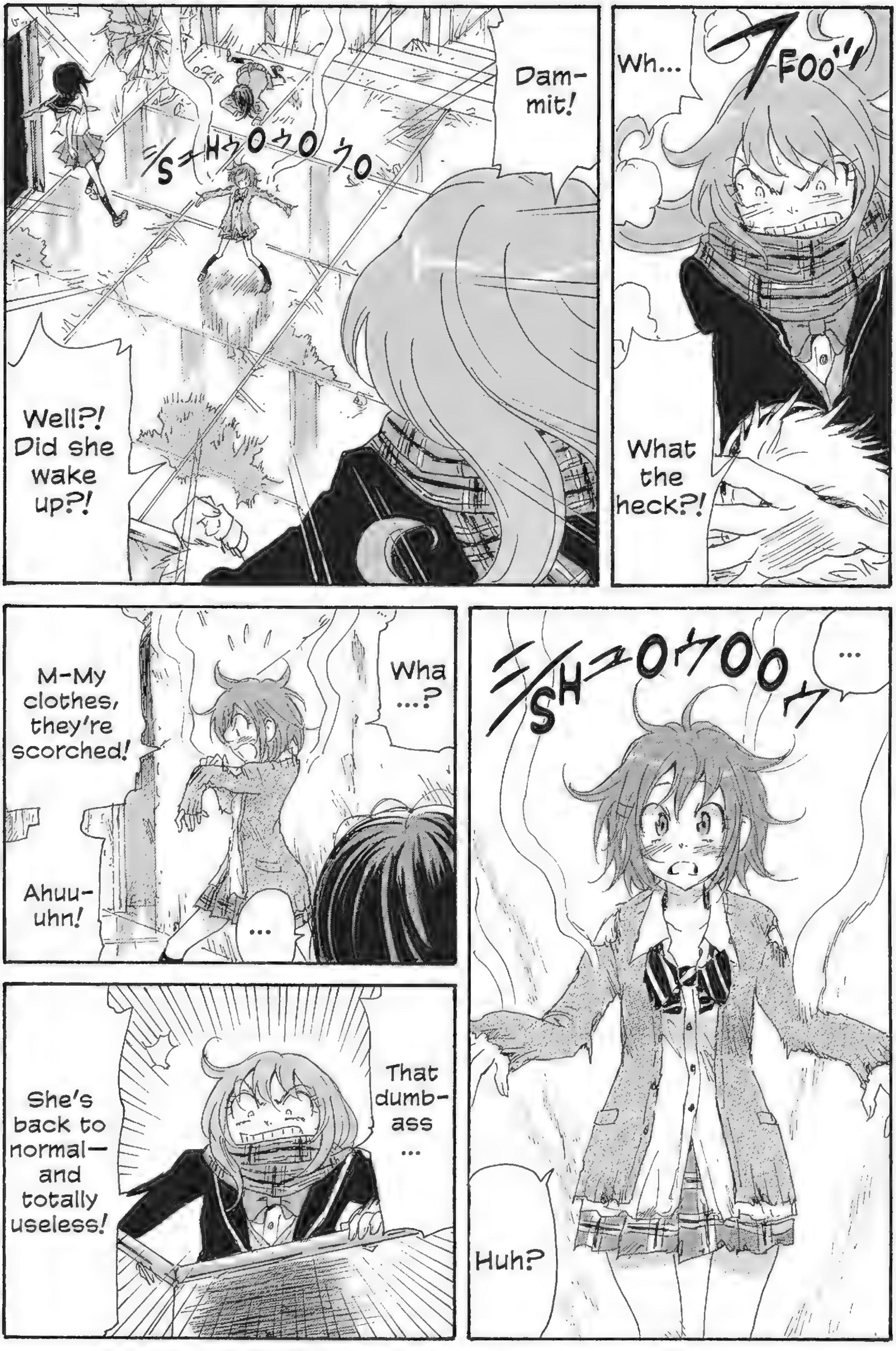
Phase.11 [Flight Down Meiji Street!]

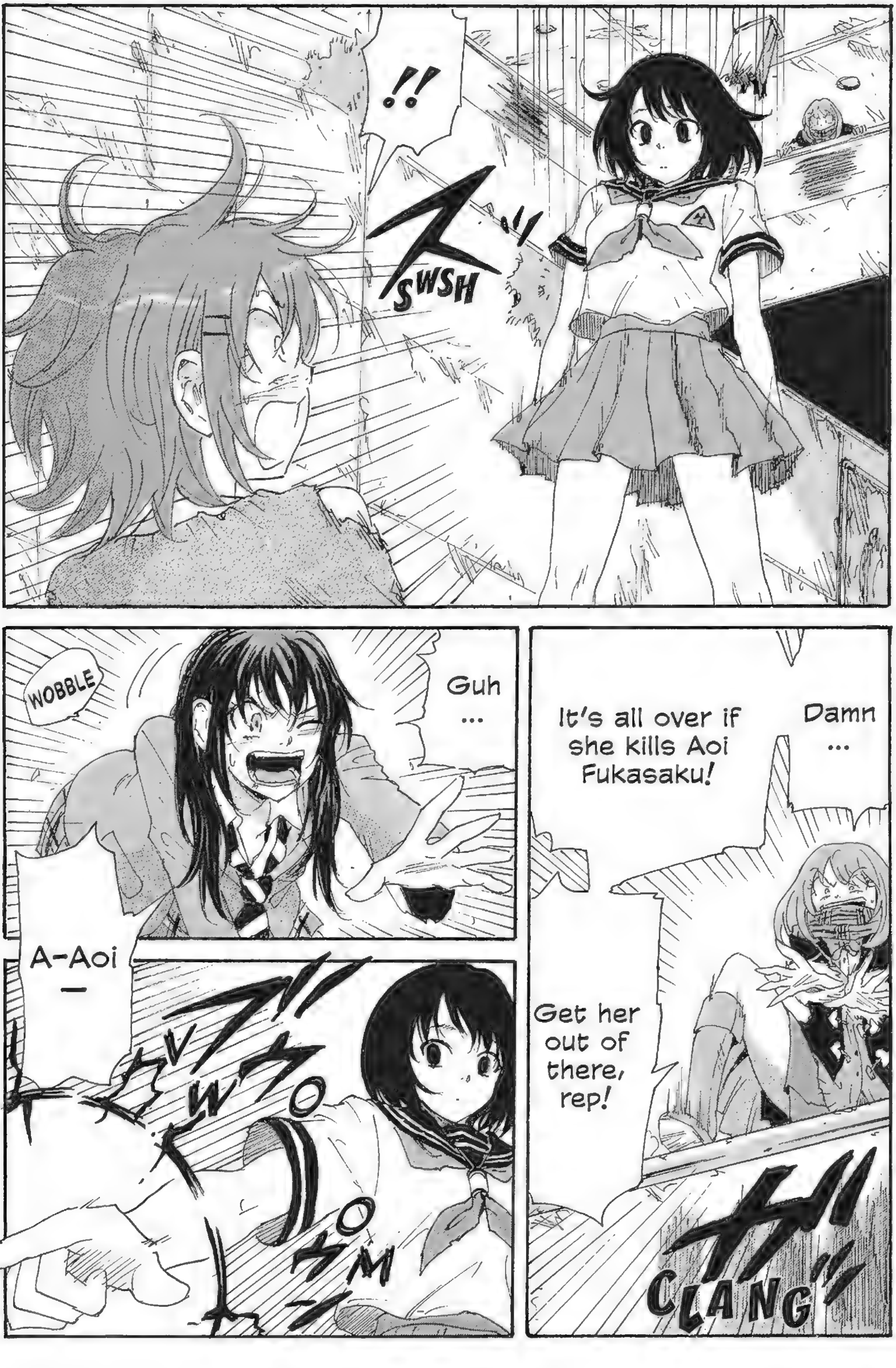


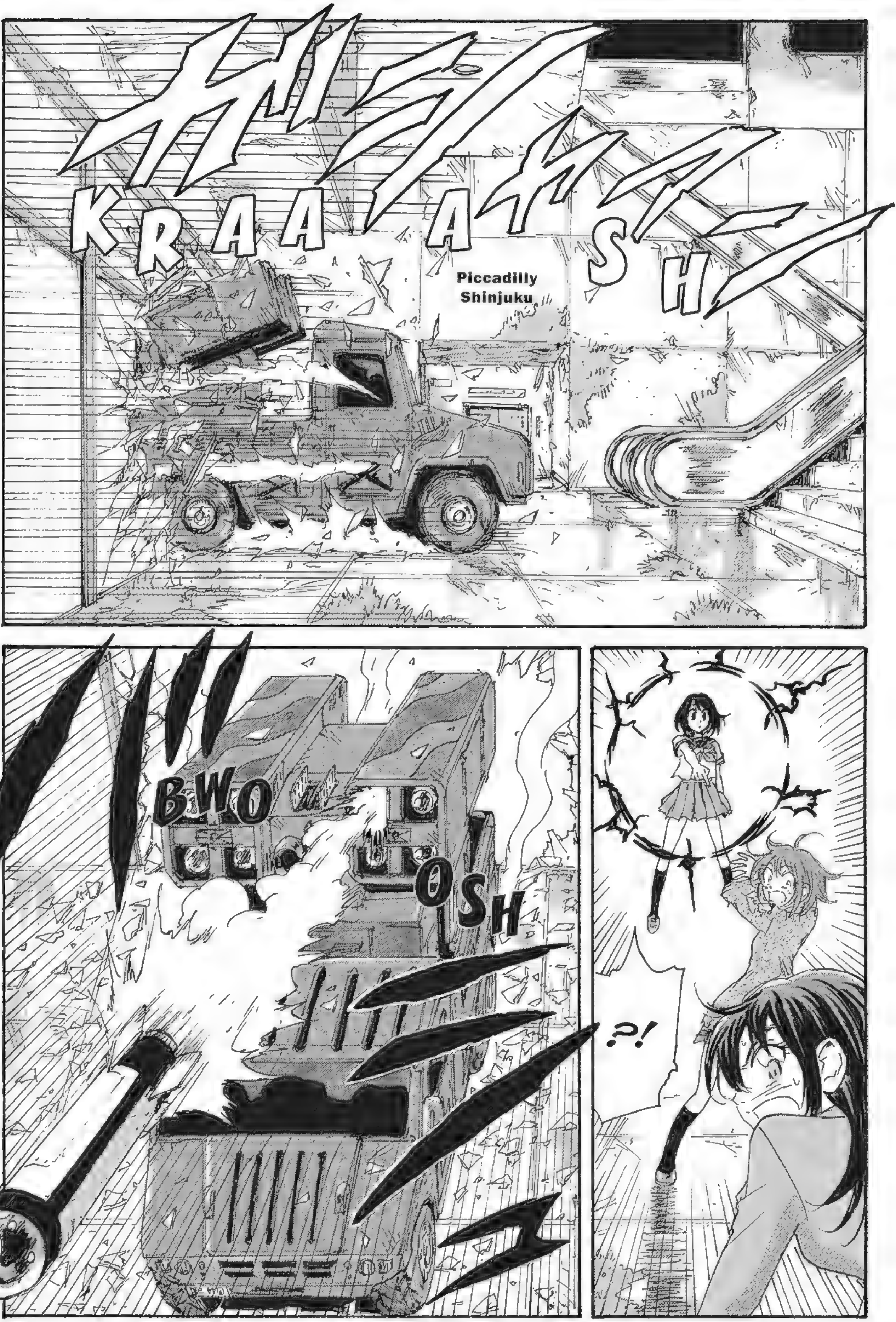
CRACKLE
Show us your true power, Aoi Fukasaku!
CRACKLE
It can take down Mana Tsuburaya!
Stop!
Kanon!
!
BZZT

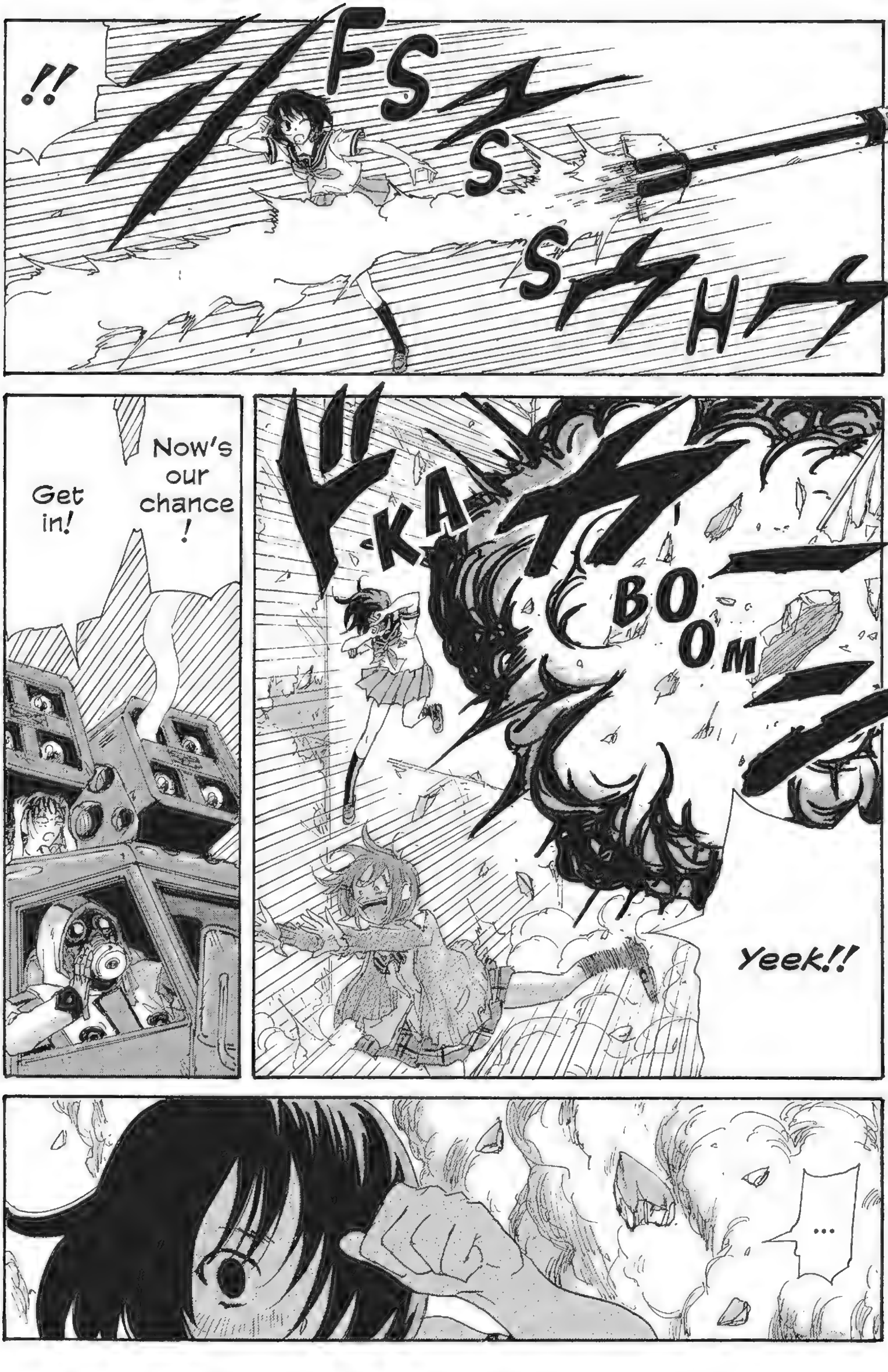
BZZZT
...
BZZZT

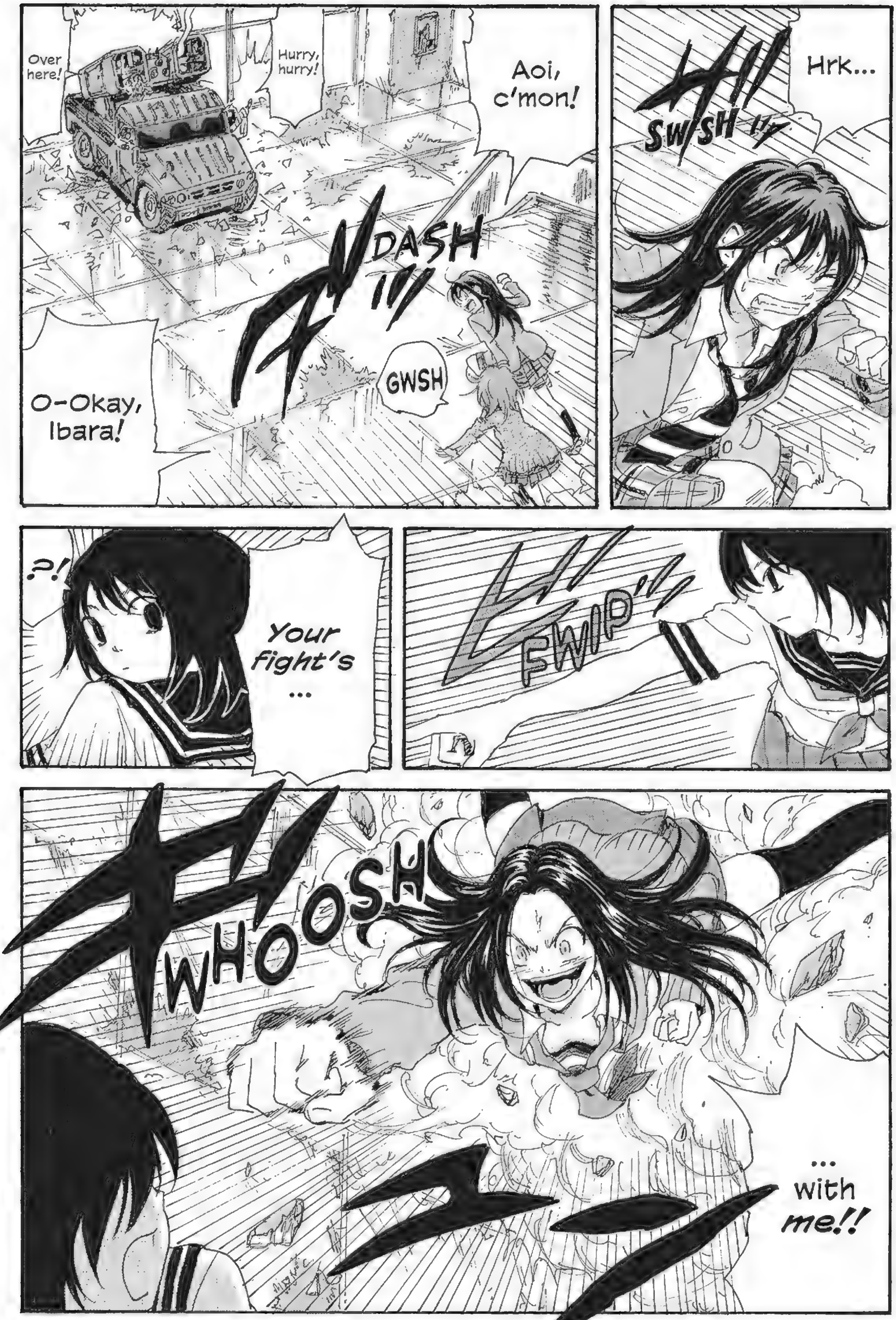

CRACKLE
What's the hold up, Aoi Fukasaku?!
Absorb my electricity, just like you did yesterday!
CRACKLE
BZZT
This wakes you up, right?!
What, you want more?!
BZZT
...
BZZT
Oh no...!
You're shocking her! Stop!!
BZZT
BZZT

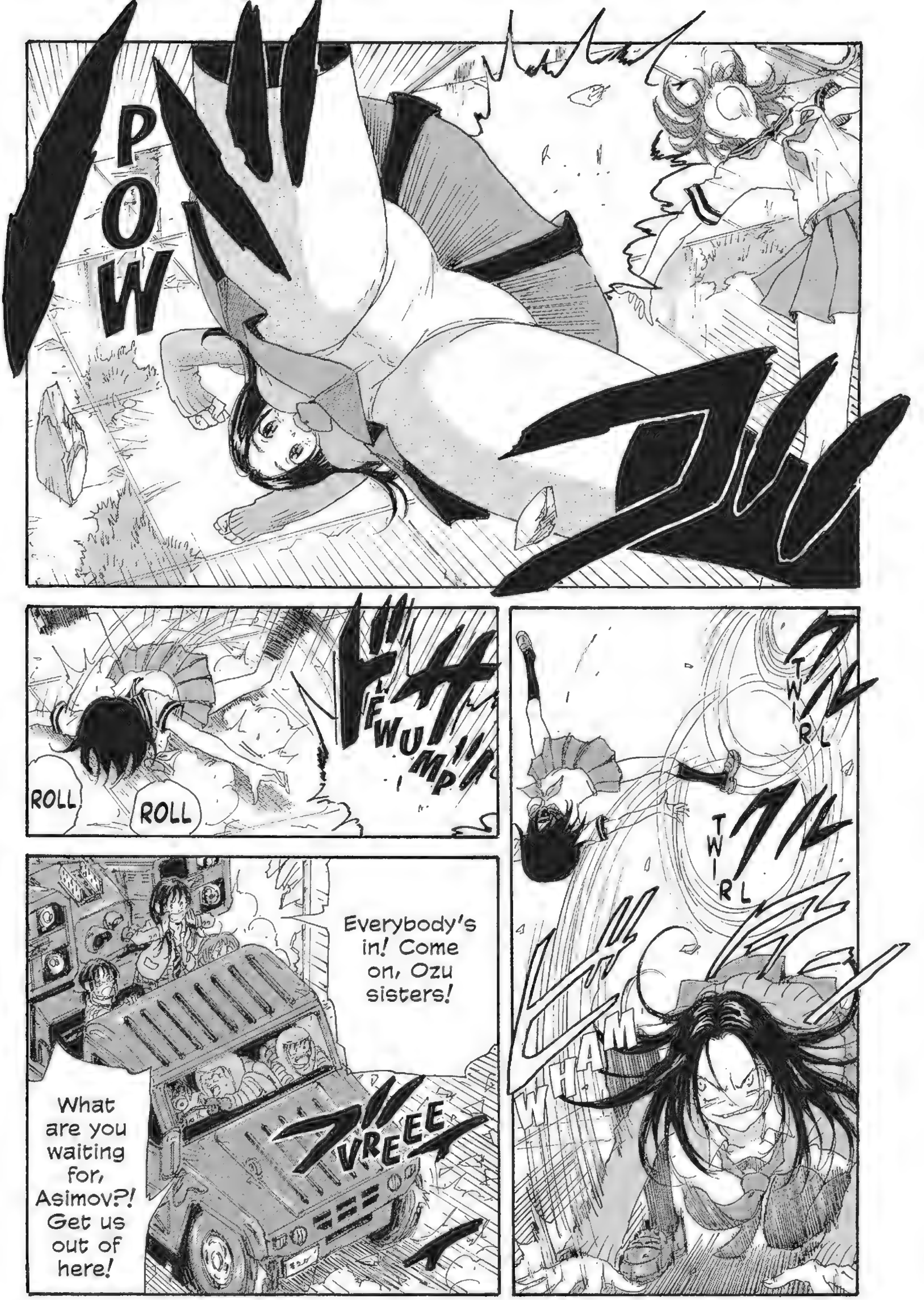

FOO
Wh...
What the heck?!
Dam-mit!
SHOOO
Well?! Did she wake up?!
SHOOOO
...
Huh?
Wha ...?
M-My clothes, they're scorched!
...
Ahuu-uhn!
That dumb-ass ...
She's back to normal—and totally useless!

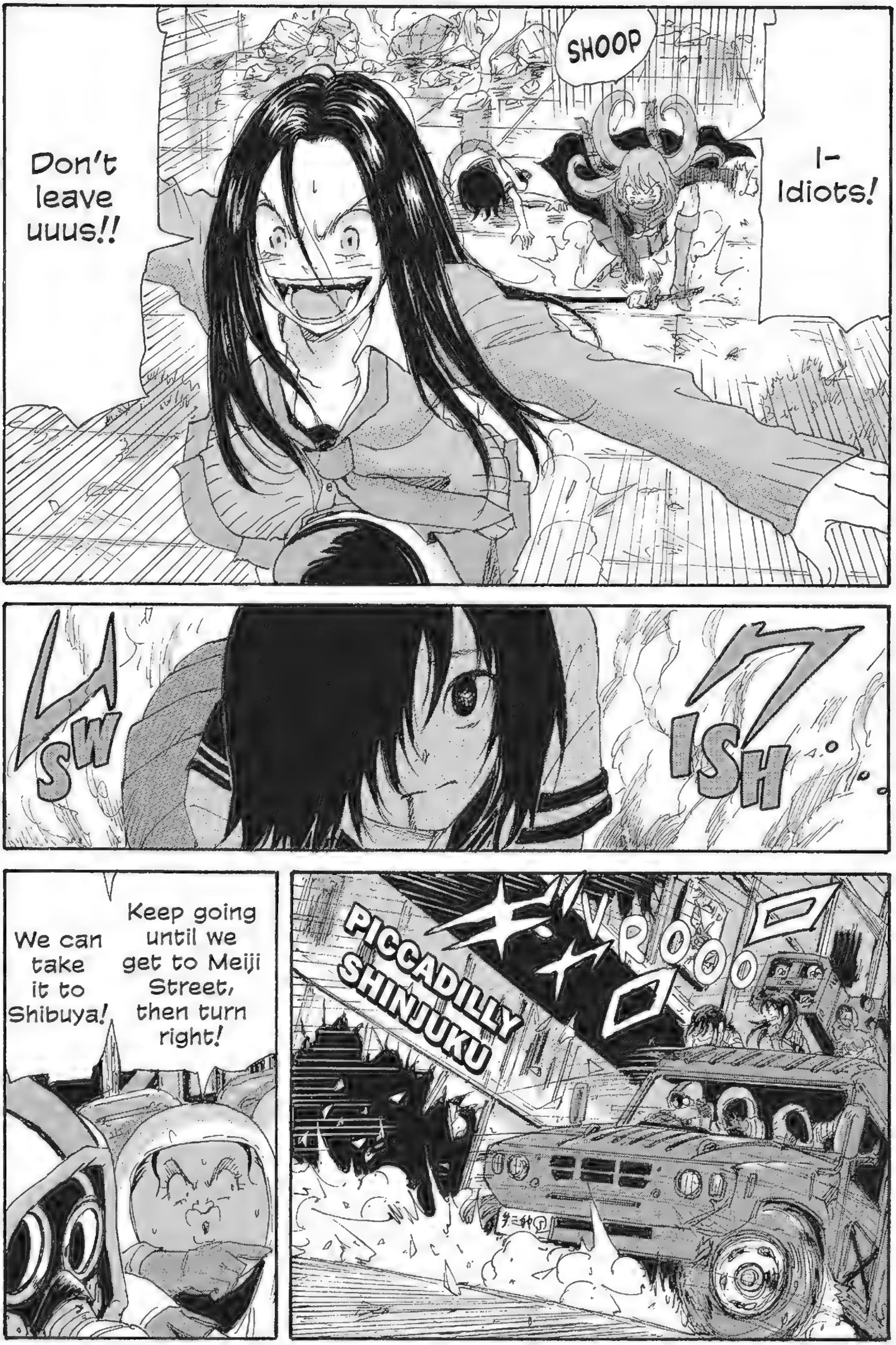

!!
SWSH
Damn ...
It's all over if she kills Aoi Fukasaku!
Get her out of there, rep!
CLANG
Guh ...
WOBBLE
A-Aoi —
VWOOOM

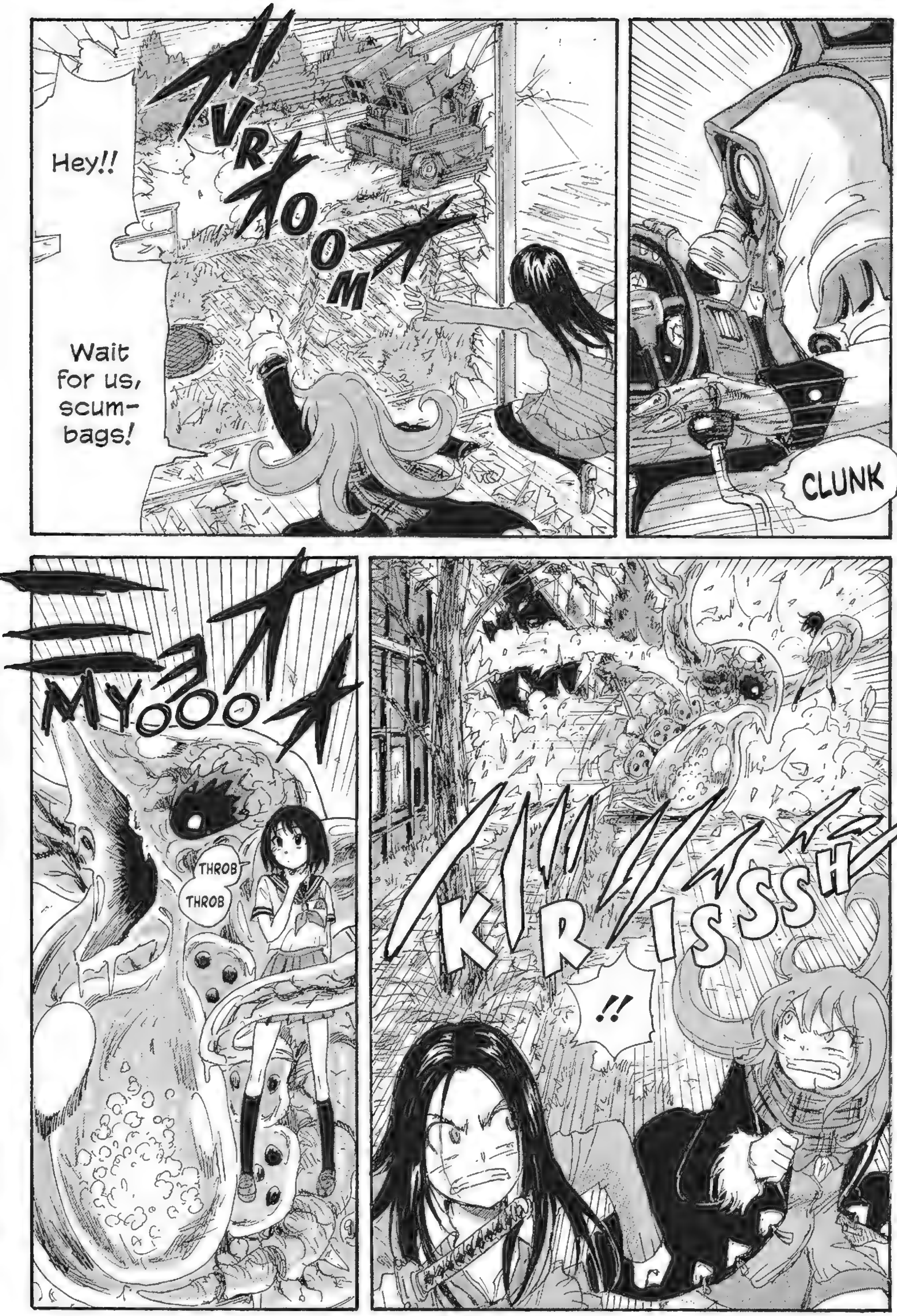

KRAAAASH
Piccadilly
Shinjuku
?!
BWOOSH

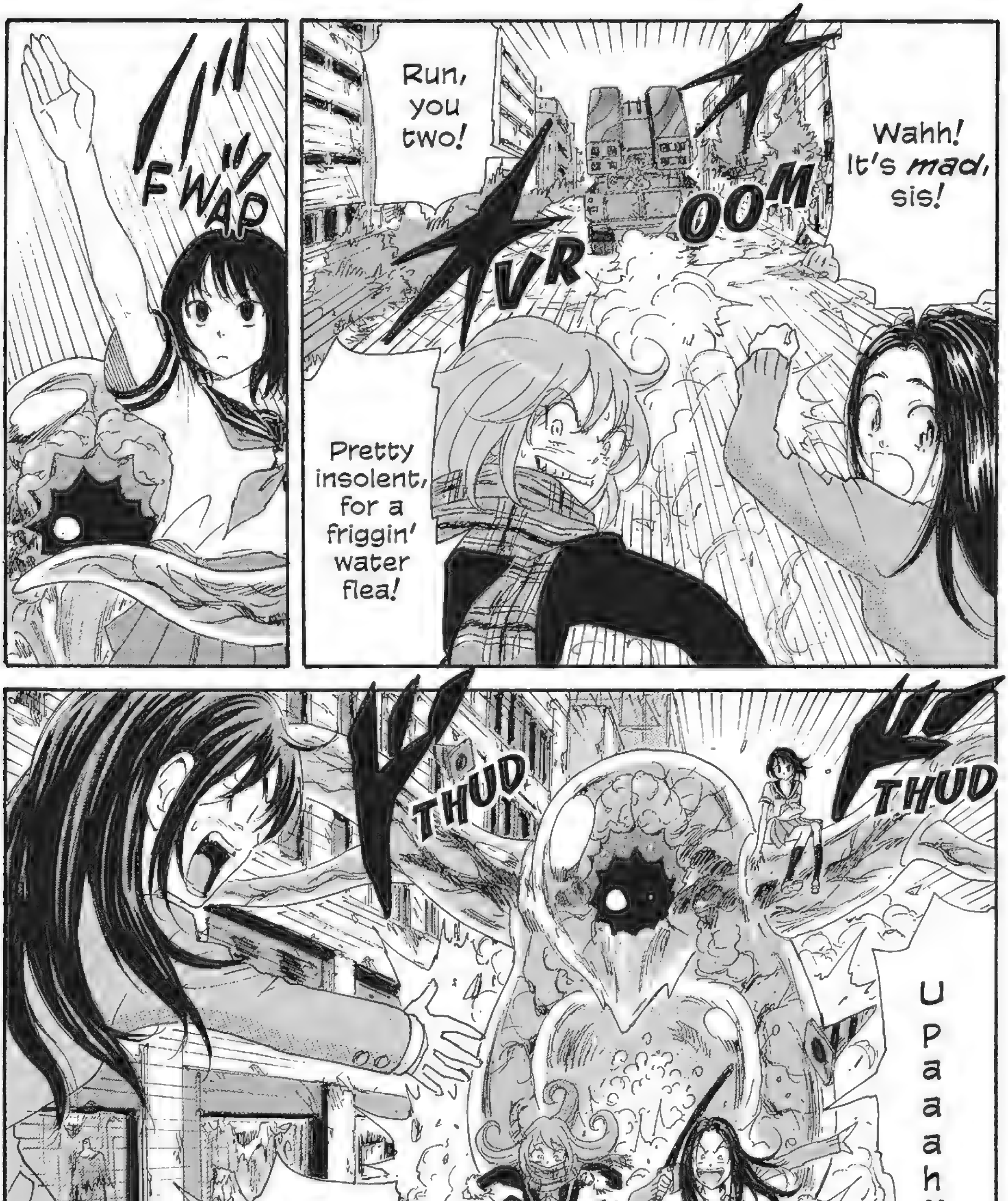

FSSSSH
!!
KA-BOOM
Yeek!!
Now's our chance!
Get in!
...

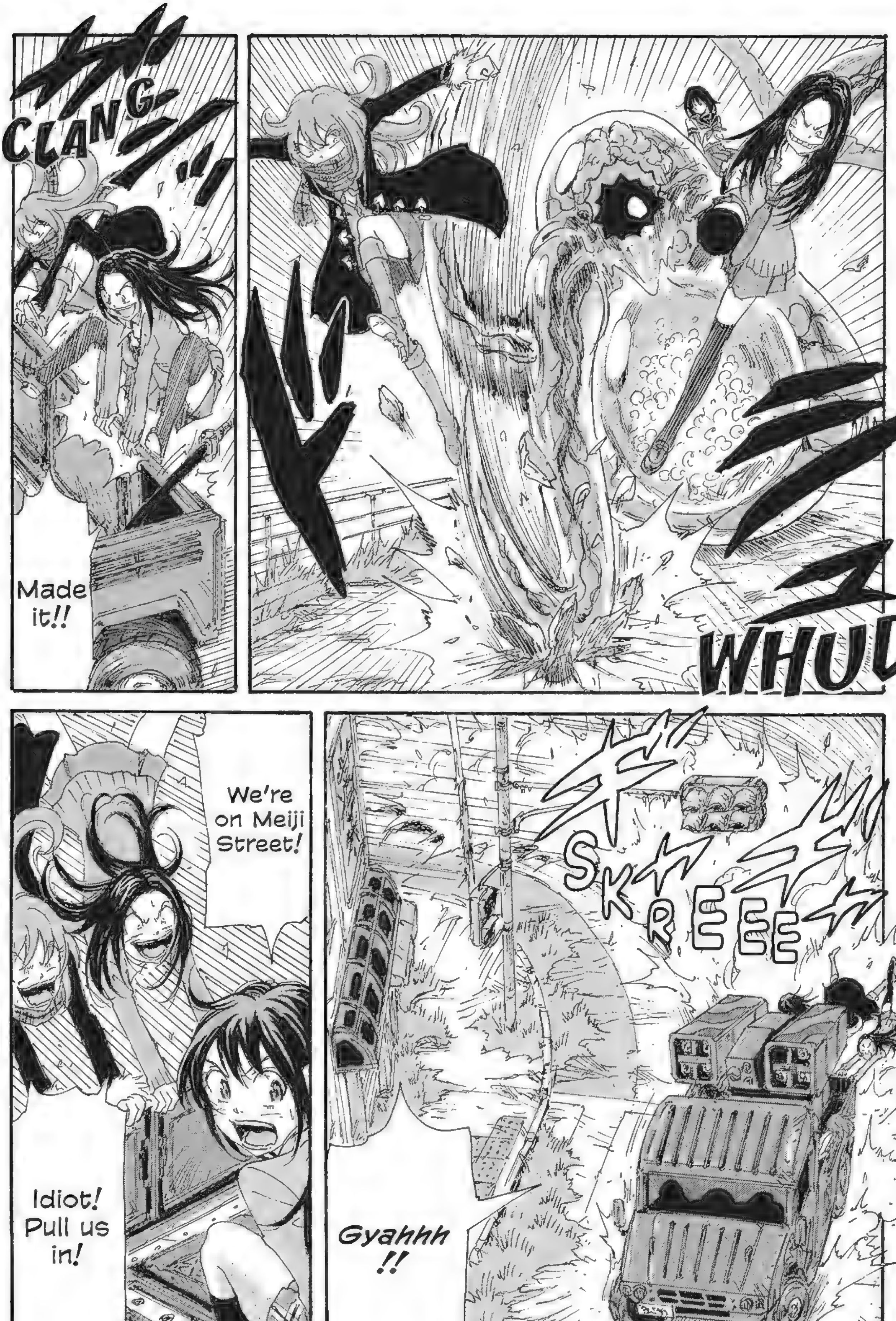

SWSH
Hrk...
Aoi, c'mon!
Hurry, hurry!
Over here!
DASH
GWSH
O-Okay, Ibara!
FWIP
?!
Your fight's ...
WHOOSH
... with me!!

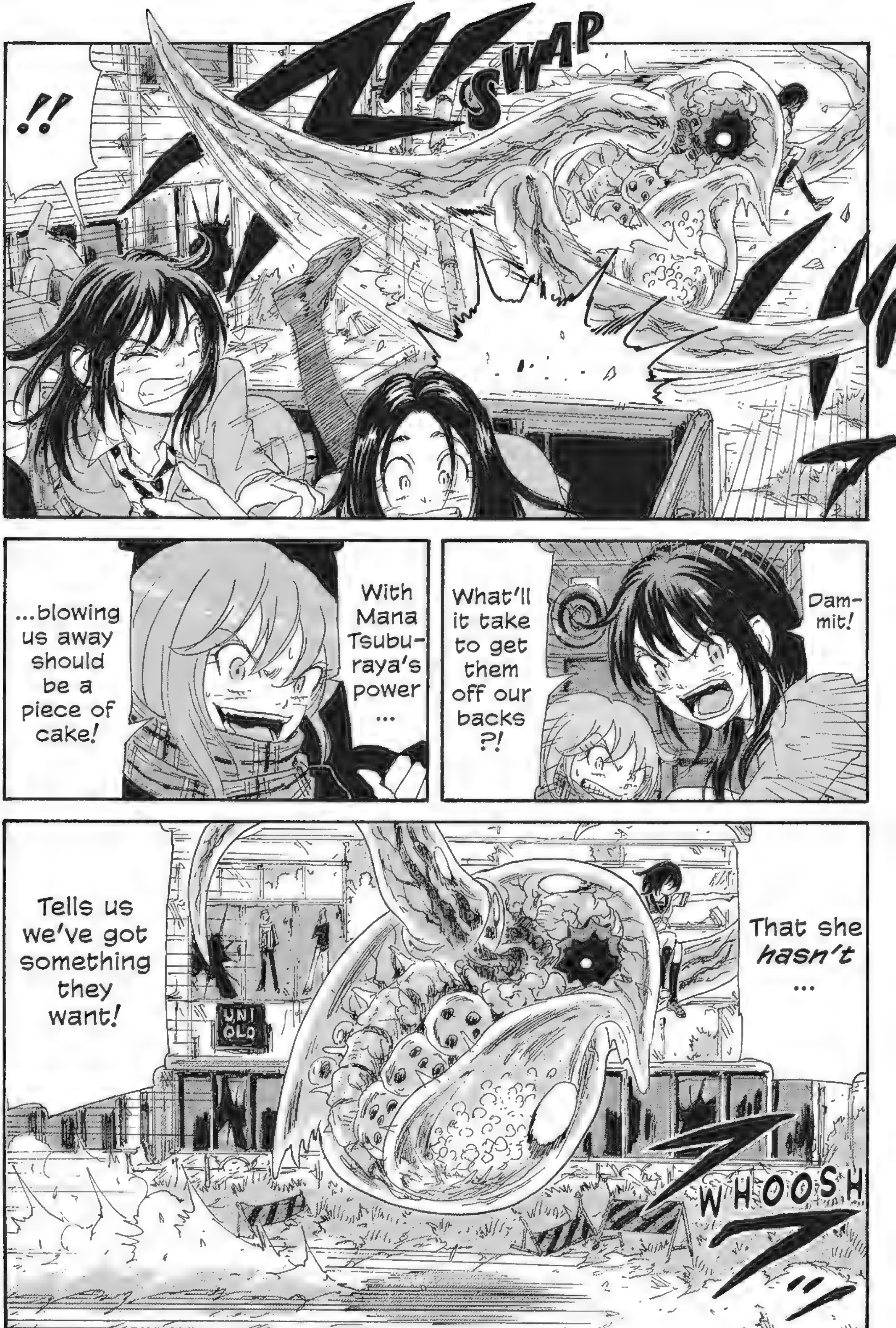

POW
TWIRL
TWIRL
WHAM
FWUMP
ROLL
ROLL
Everybody's in! Come on, Ozu sisters!
What are you waiting for, Asimov?! Get us out of here!
VREEE

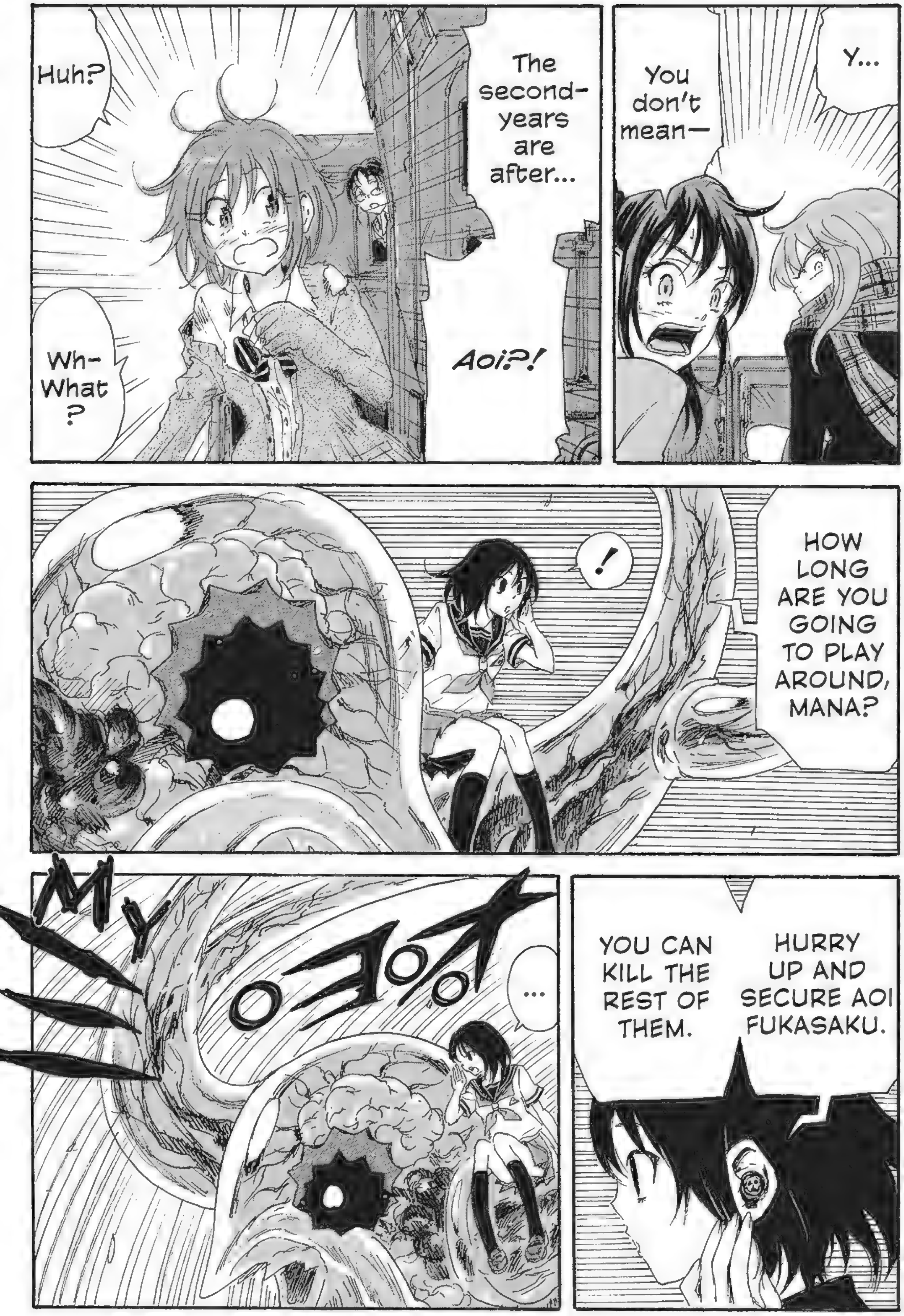

SHOOP
I- Idiots!
Don't leave uuus!!
SWISH
VROOOOM
PICCADILLY SHINJUKU
Keep going until we get to Meiji Street, then turn right!
We can take it to Shibuya!

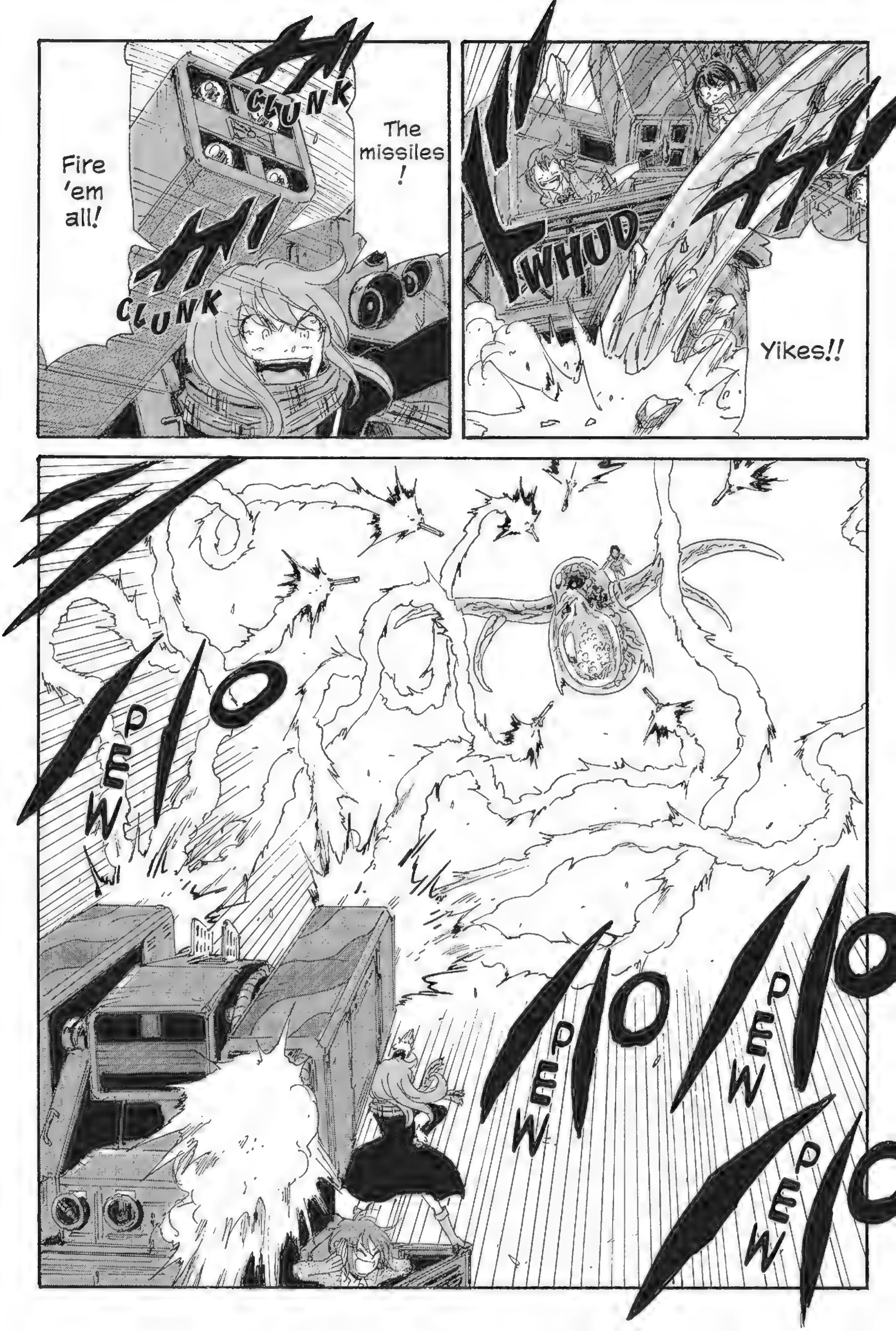

CLUNK
VRROOOM
Hey!!
Wait for us, scumbags!
KRISSSH
!!
MYOOO
THROB
THROB

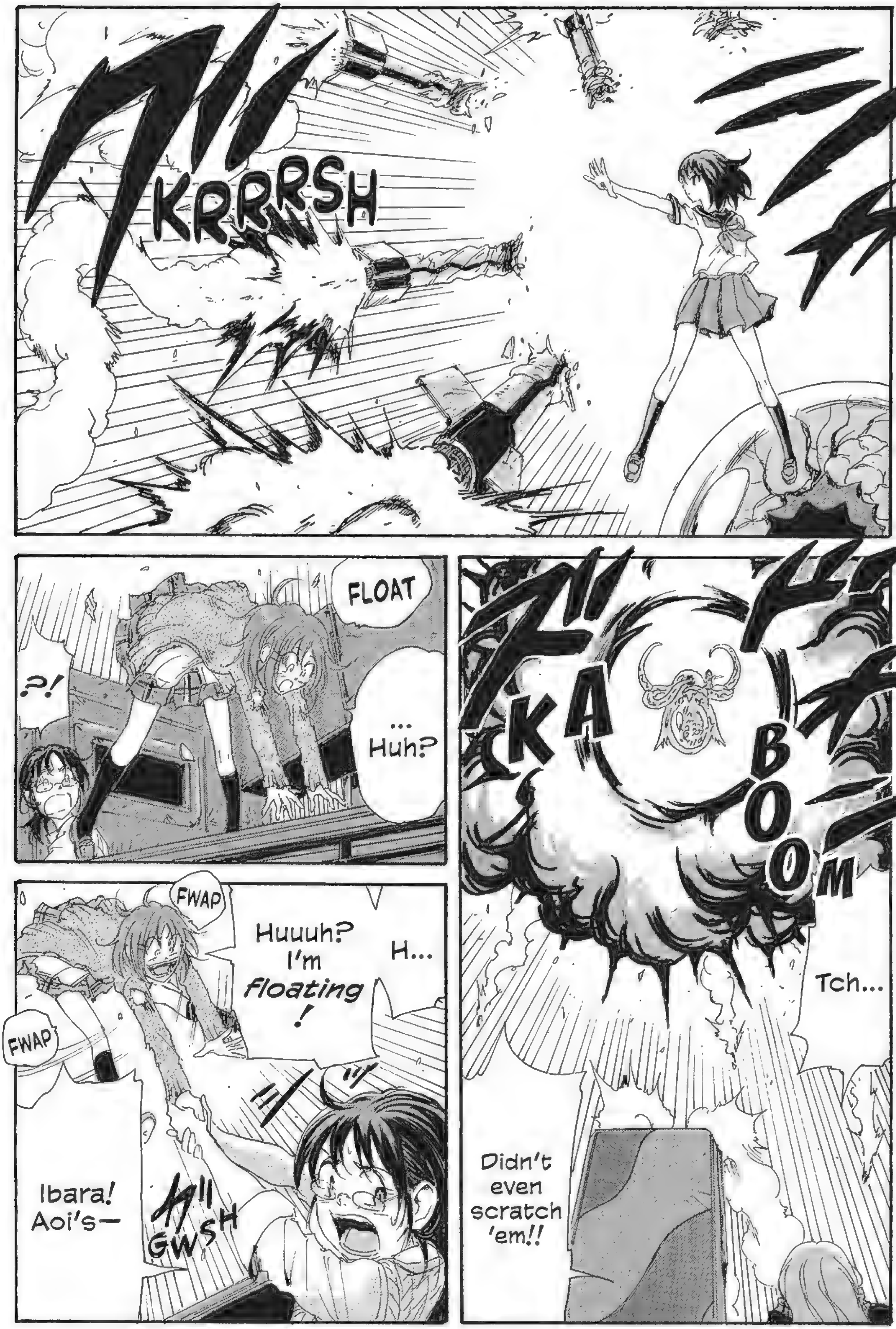

Wahh! It's *mad*, sis!
VROOM
Run, you two!
Pretty insolent, for a friggin' water flea!
FWAP
THUD
Upaaah!!
THUD
THUD
The Chimera's coming! Hurry!!

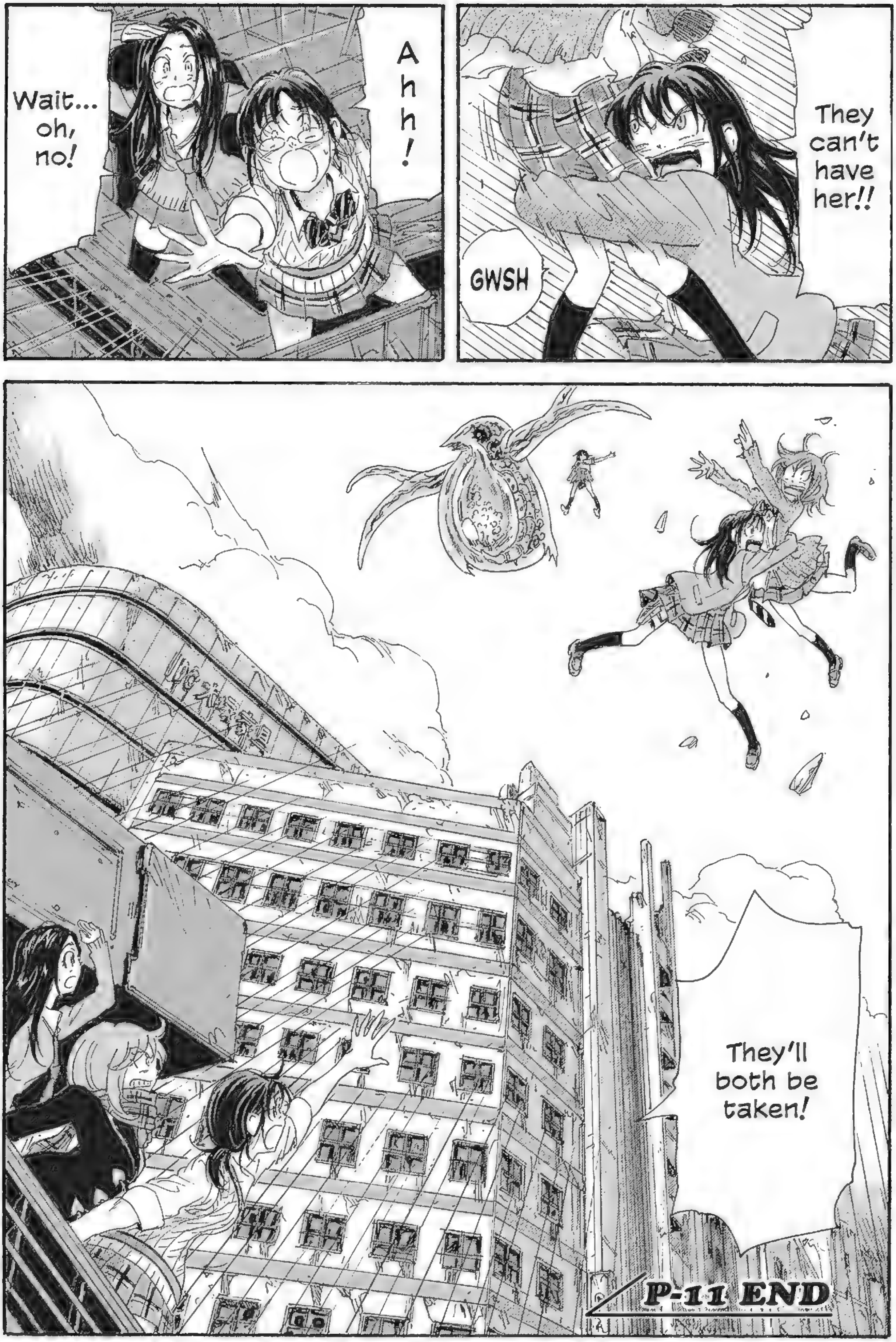

WHUD
CLANG
Made it!!
SKREEE
Gyahhh!!
We're on Meiji Street!
Idiot! Pull us in!


SWAP
!!
Dam-mit!
What'll it take to get them off our backs?!
With Mana Tsubu-raya's power...
...blowing us away should be a piece of cake!
That she *hasn't*...
Tells us we've got something they want!
UNI QLO
WHOOSH

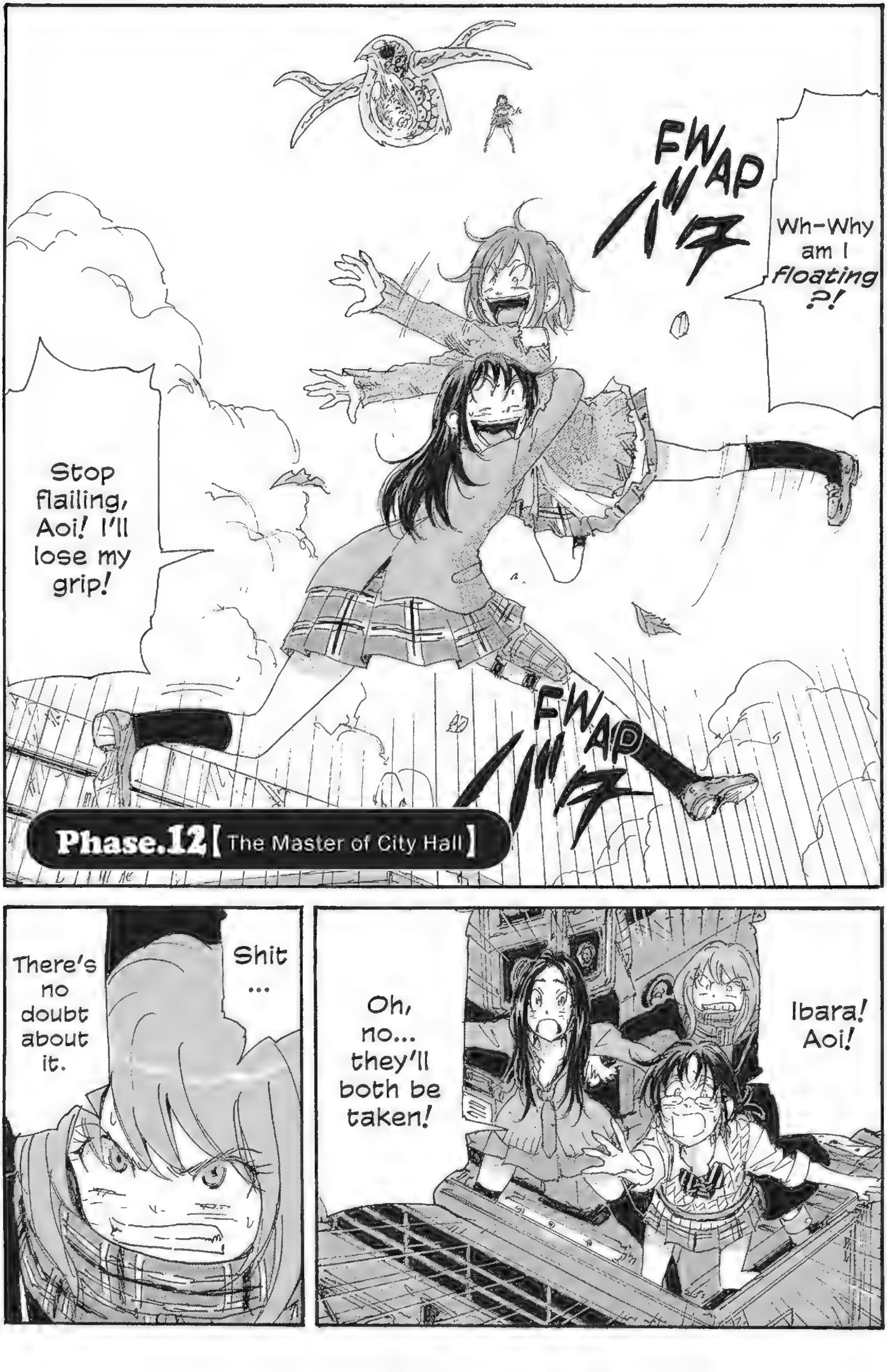

Y...
You don't mean—
The second-years are after...
Aoi?!
Huh?
Wh-What?
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO PLAY AROUND, MANA?
!
HURRY UP AND SECURE AOI FUKASAKU.
YOU CAN KILL THE REST OF THEM.
MYOOOO
...

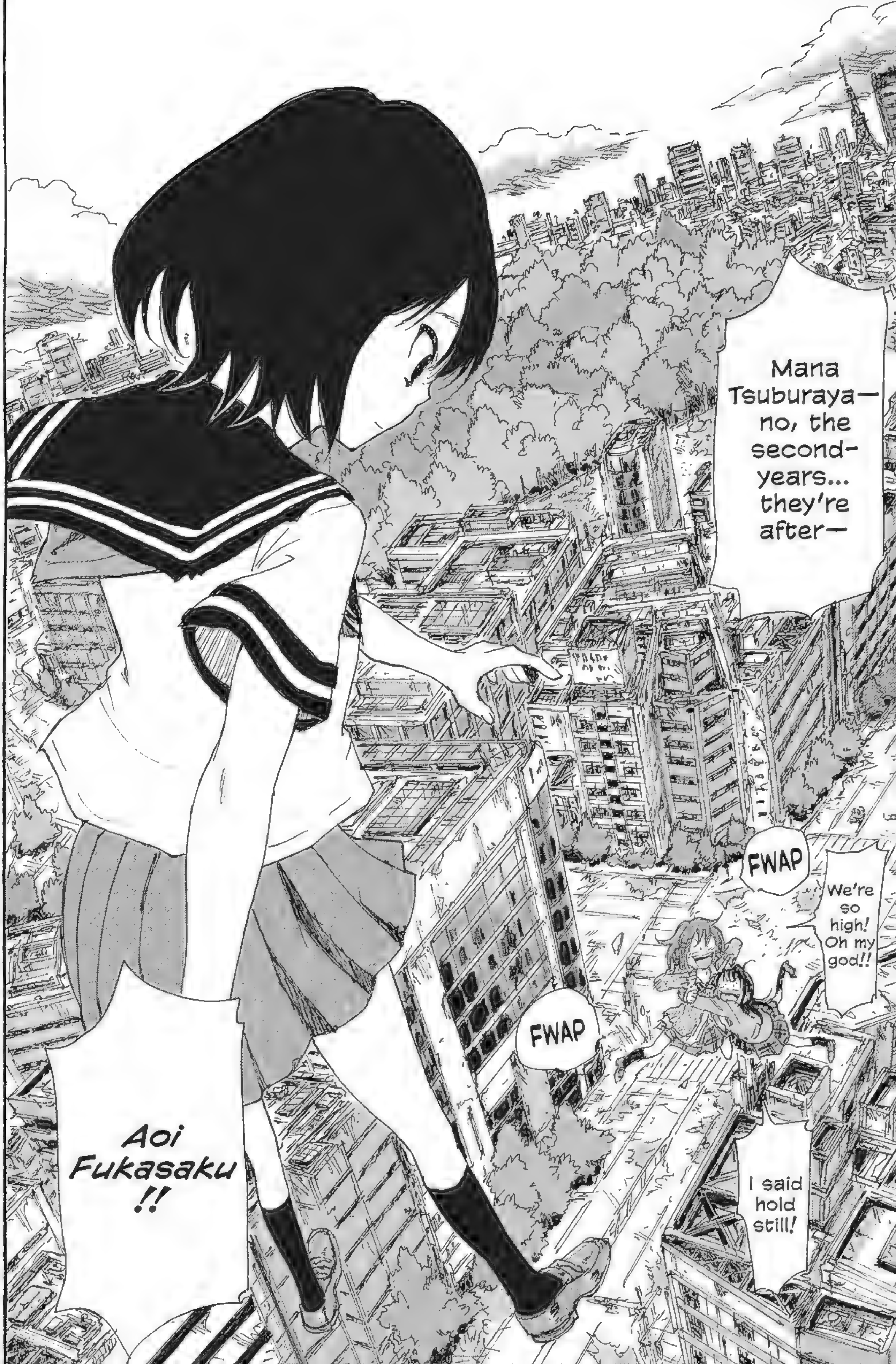

WHUD
Yikes!!
The missiles!
CLUNK
CLUNK
Fire 'em all!
PEW
PEW
PEW
PEW

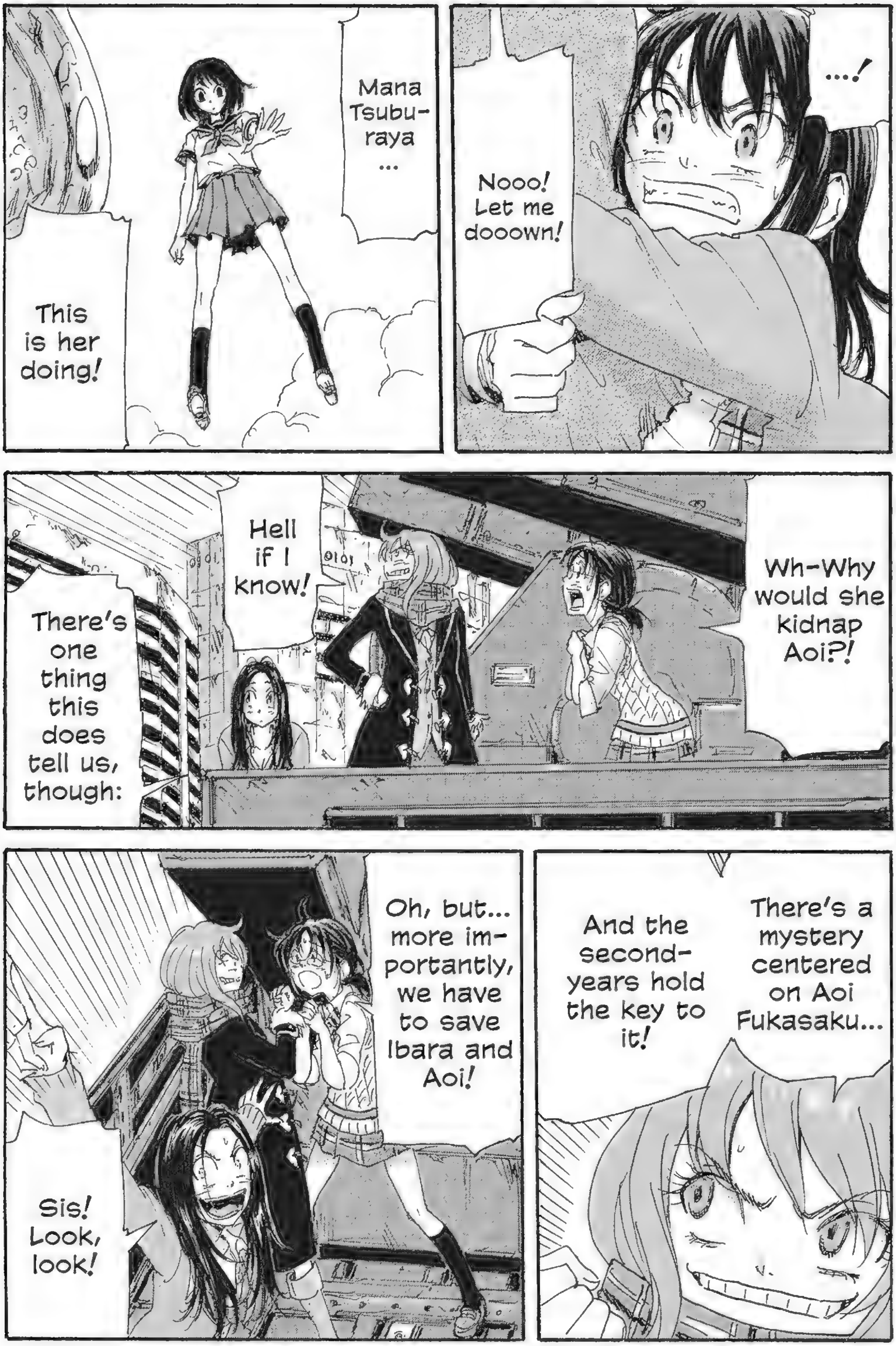

KRRRSH
KA BOOM
Tch...
Didn't even scratch 'em!!
FLOAT
?!
... Huh?
FWAP
H...
Huuuh? I'm *floating*!
FWAP
Ibara! Aoi's—
GWSH

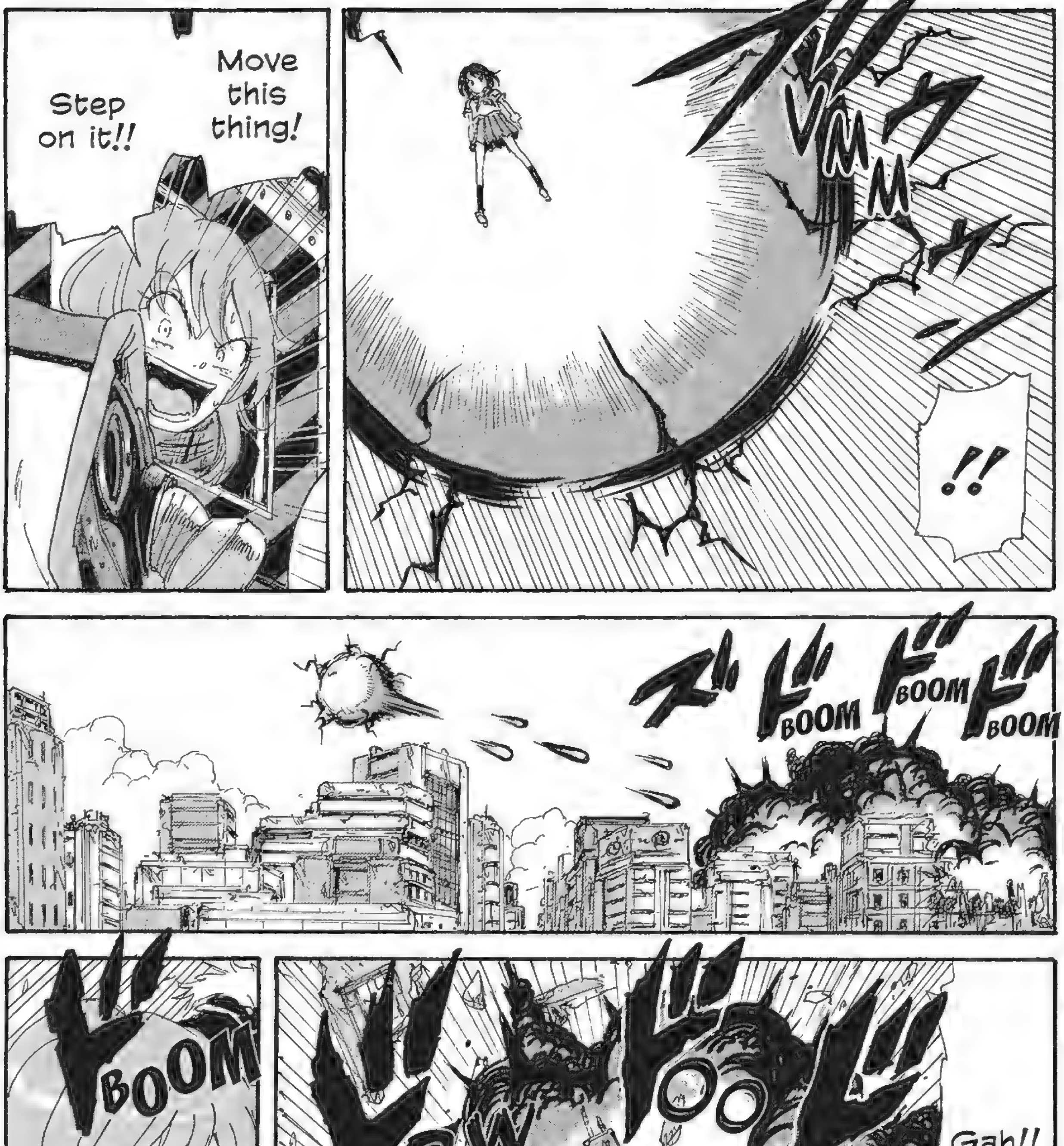

They can't have her!!
GWSH
Ahh!
Wait... oh, no!
They'll both be taken!
P-11 END

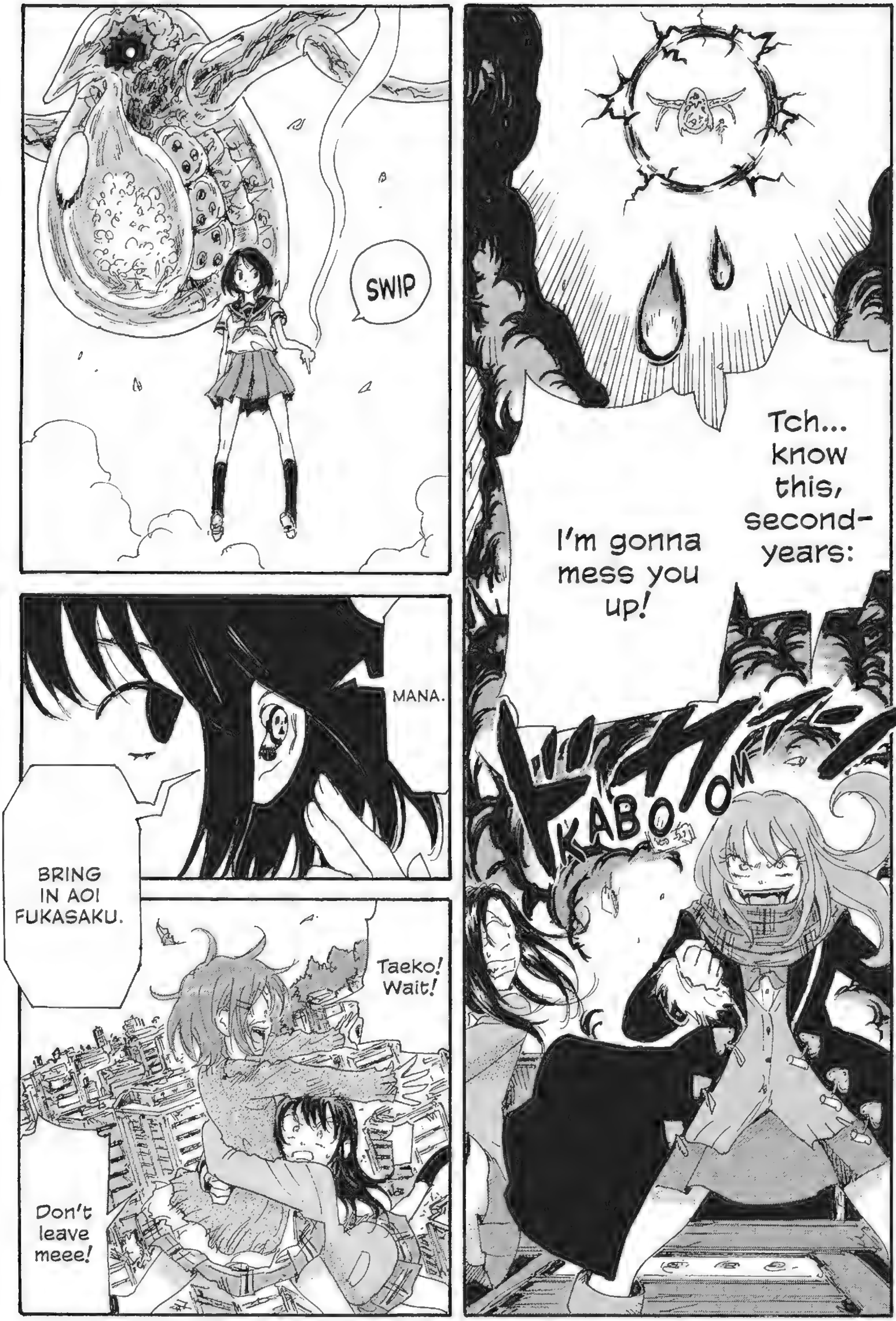
Phase.12 【The Master of City Hall】

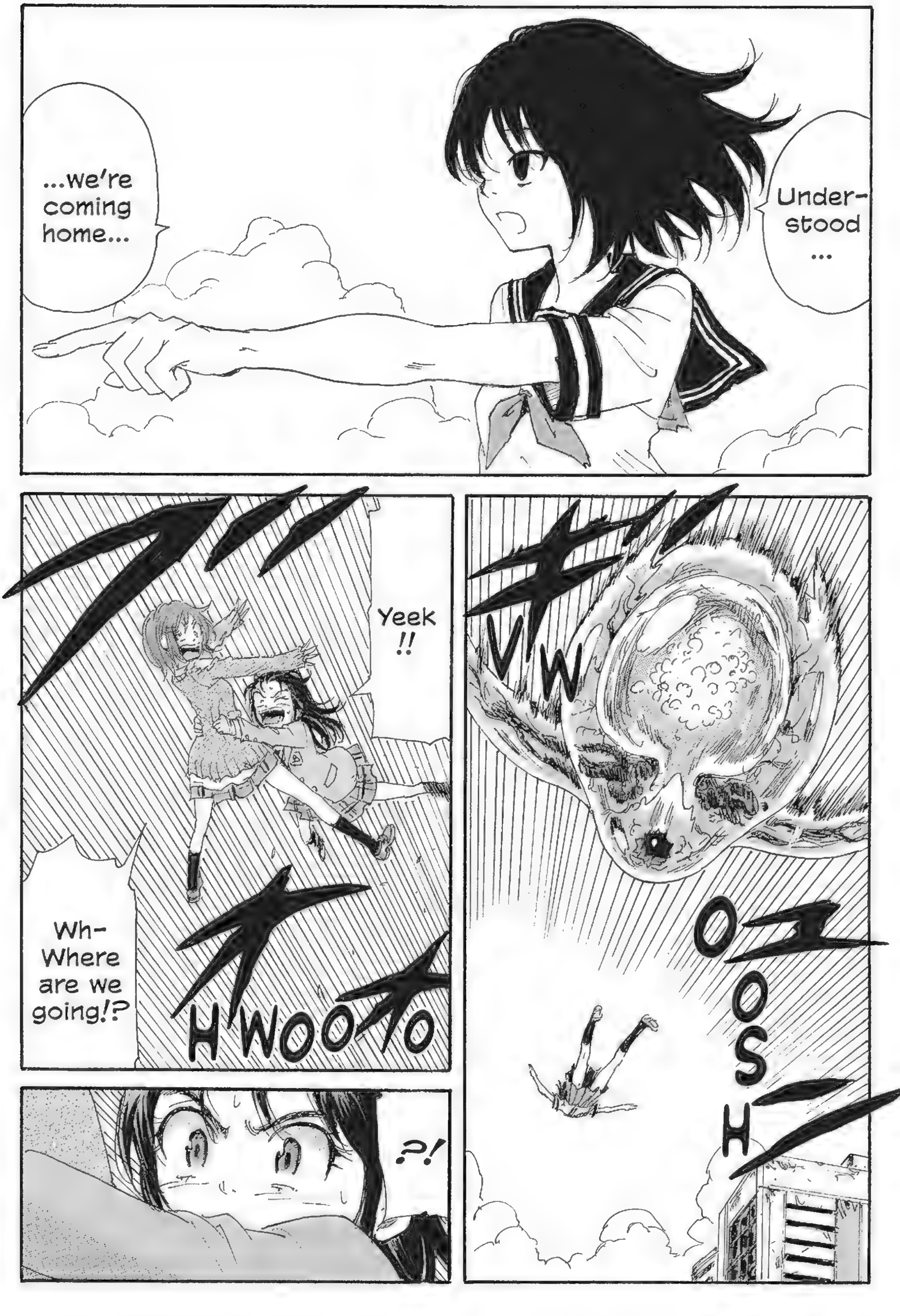

FWAP
バタ
Wh-Why am I *floating* ?!
Stop flailing, Aoi! I'll lose my grip!
FWAP
バタ
Ibara! Aoi!
Oh, no... they'll both be taken!
Shit...
There's no doubt about it.

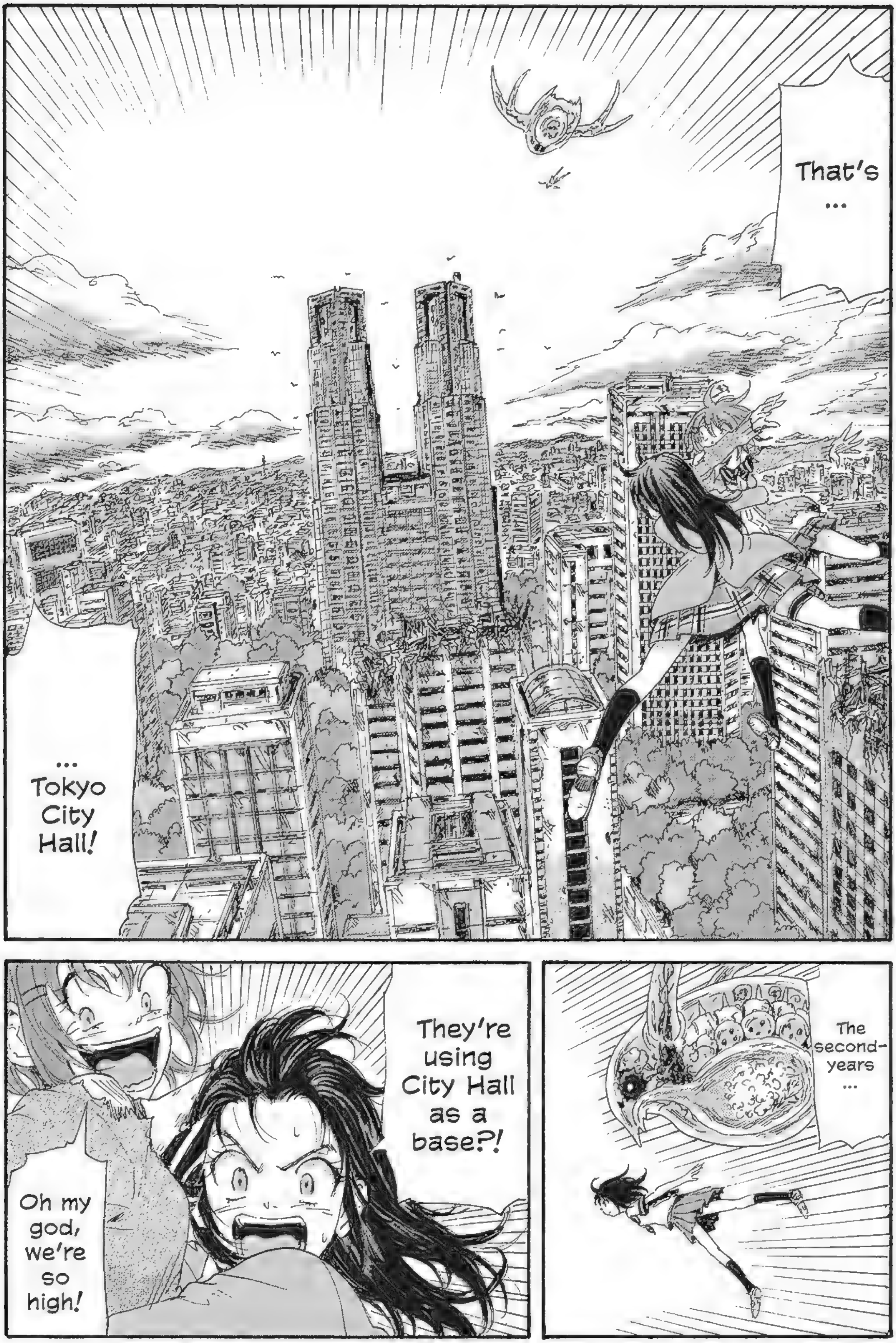

Mana Tsuburaya— no, the second-years... they're after—
FWAP
We're so high! Oh my god!!
FWAP
I said hold still!
Aoi Fukasaku!!

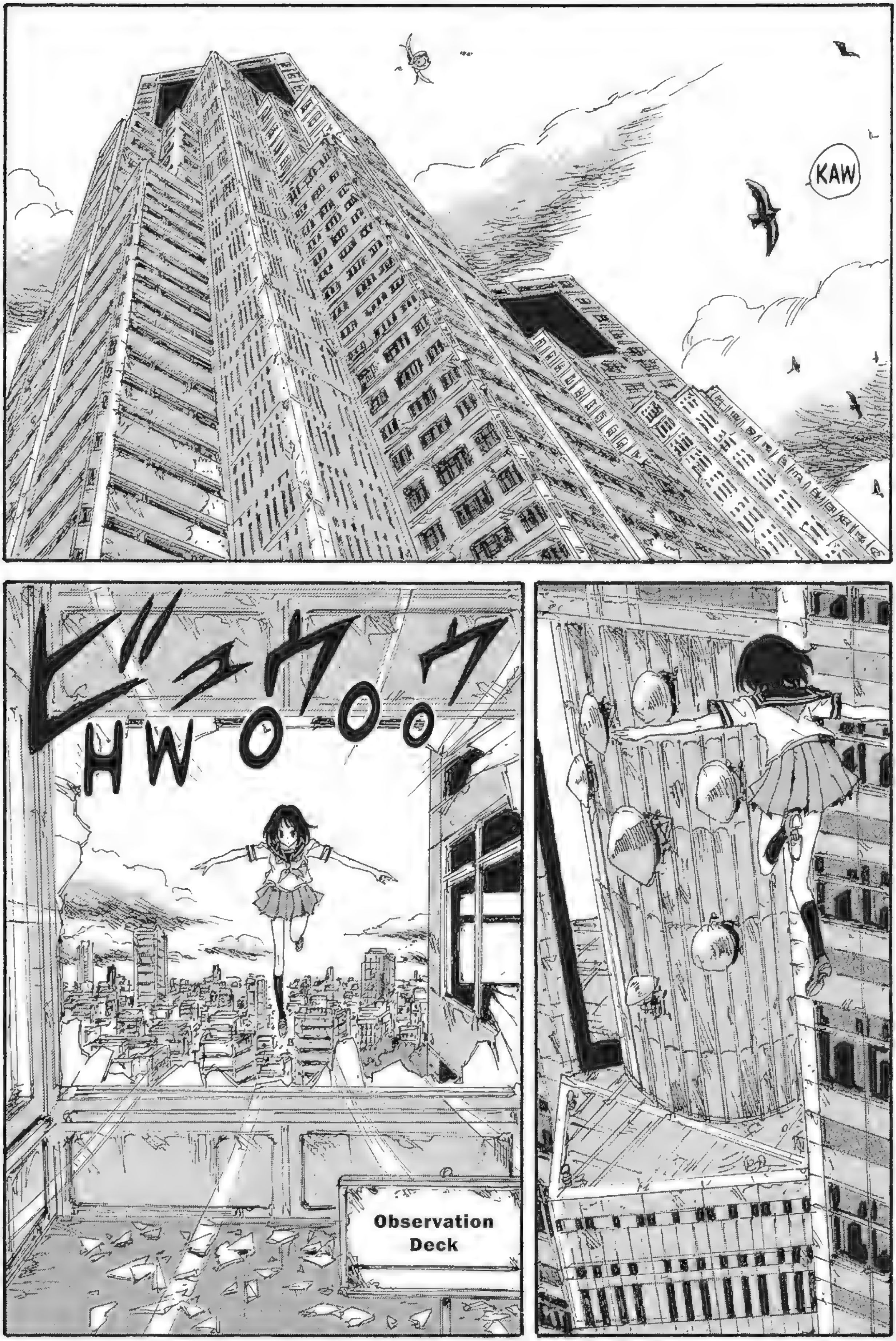

...!
Nooo! Let me dooown!
Mana Tsuburaya...
This is her doing!
Wh-Why would she kidnap Aoi?!
Hell if I know!
There's one thing this does tell us, though:
There's a mystery centered on Aoi Fukasaku...
And the second-years hold the key to it!
Oh, but... more importantly, we have to save Ibara and Aoi!
Sis! Look, look!

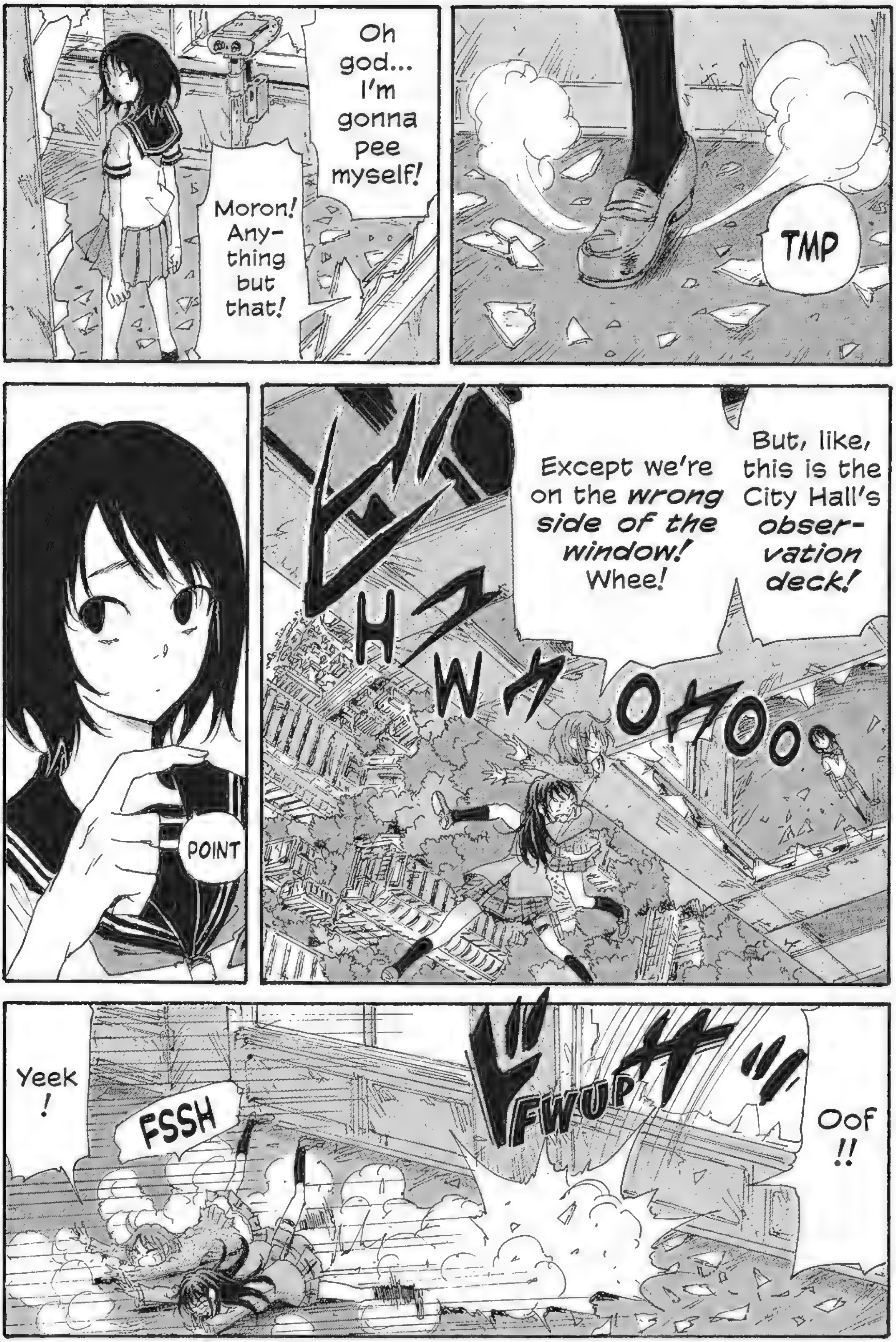

VMMM
!!
Move this thing!
Step on it!!
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
Gah!!
BWOOOM
She's attacking! Get us out of heeere!
BOOM
...

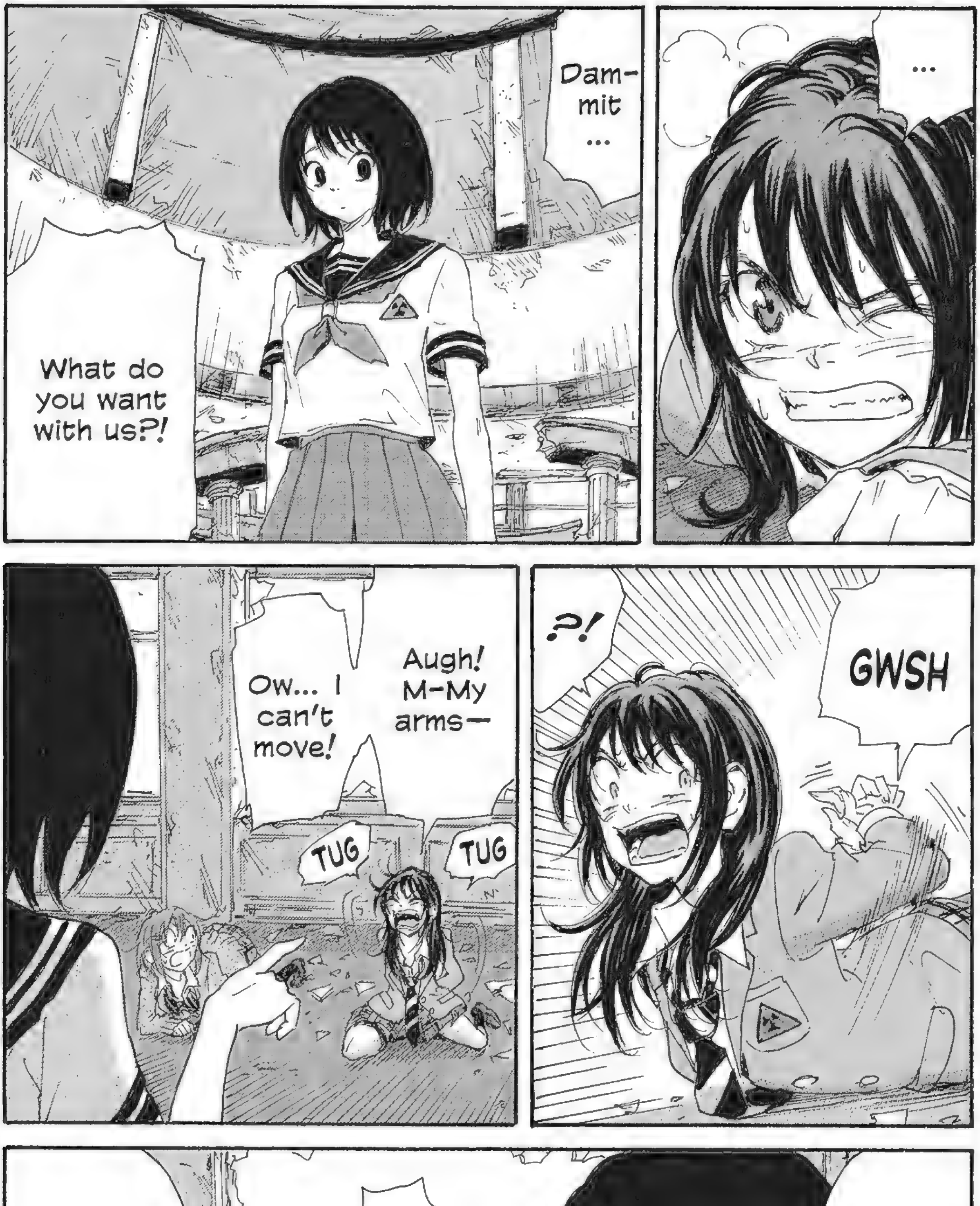

Tch... know this, second-years:
I'm gonna mess you up!
KABOOM
SWIP
MANA.
BRING IN AOI FUKASAKU.
Taeko! Wait!
Don't leave meee!

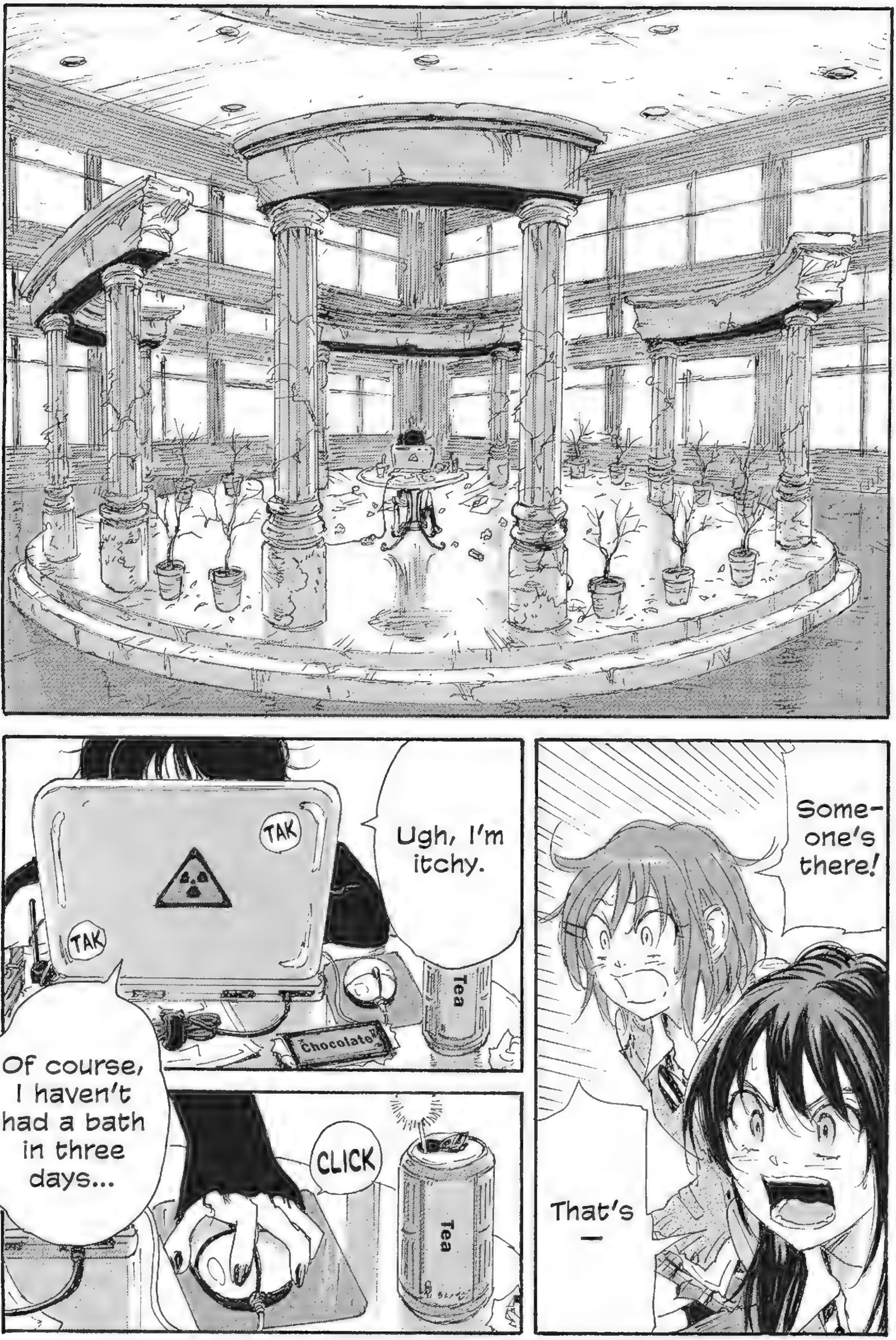

Understood...
...we're coming home...
VWOOOSH
Yeek!!
Wh- Where are we going!?
HWOOOO
?!

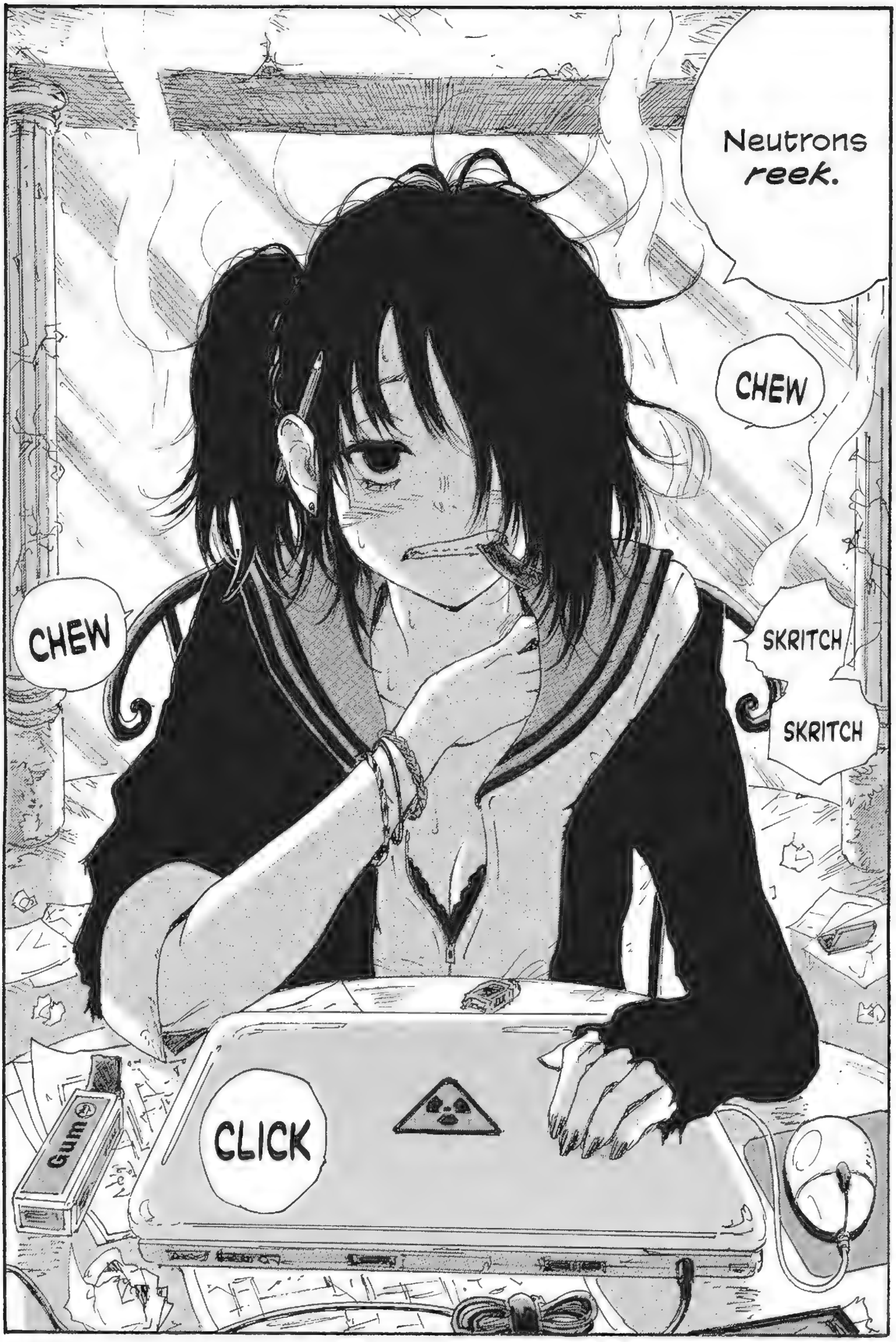

That's ...
... Tokyo City Hall!
The second-years ...
They're using City Hall as a base?!
Oh my god, we're so high!

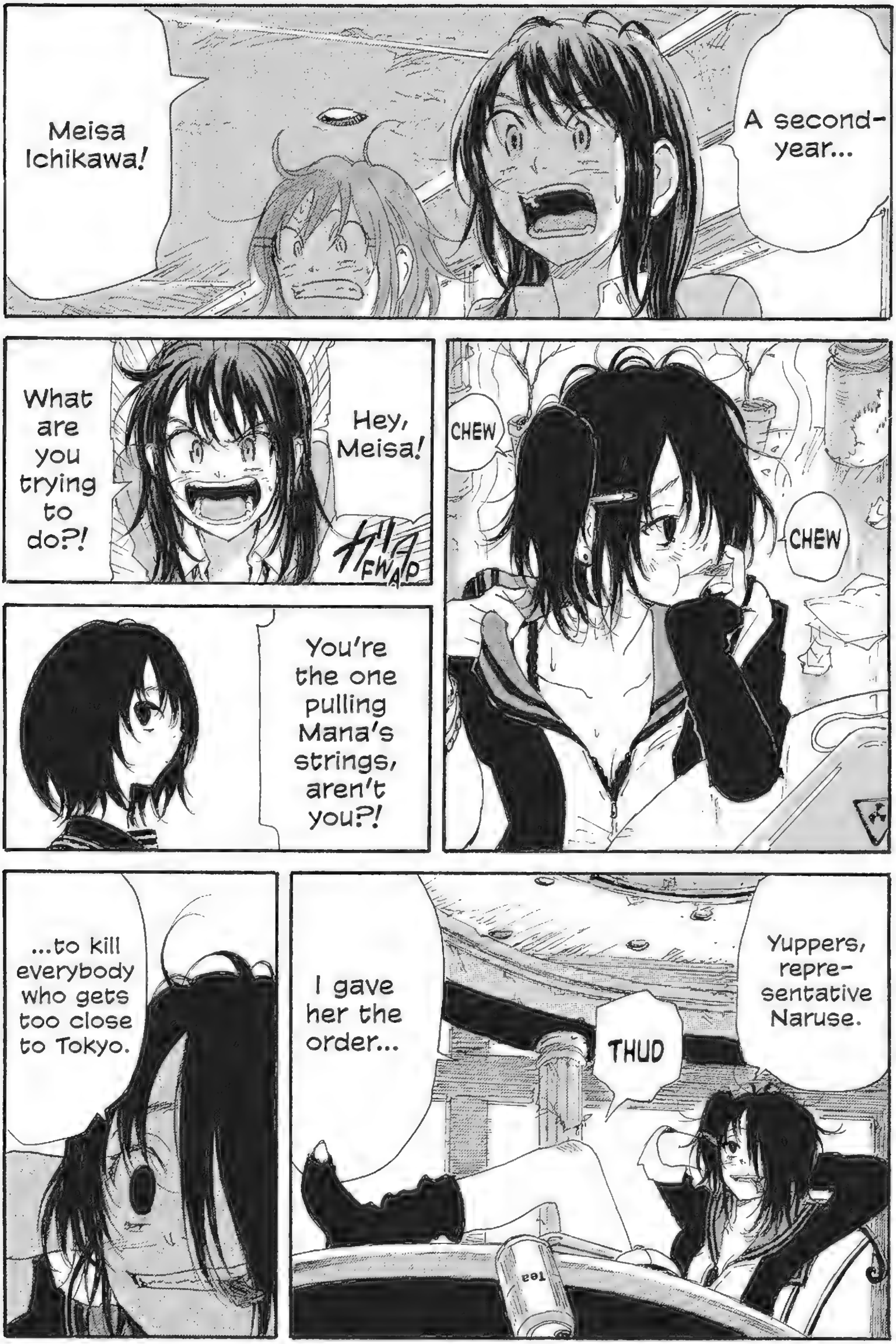

KAW
ビュウウウ
HWOOOO
Observation Deck

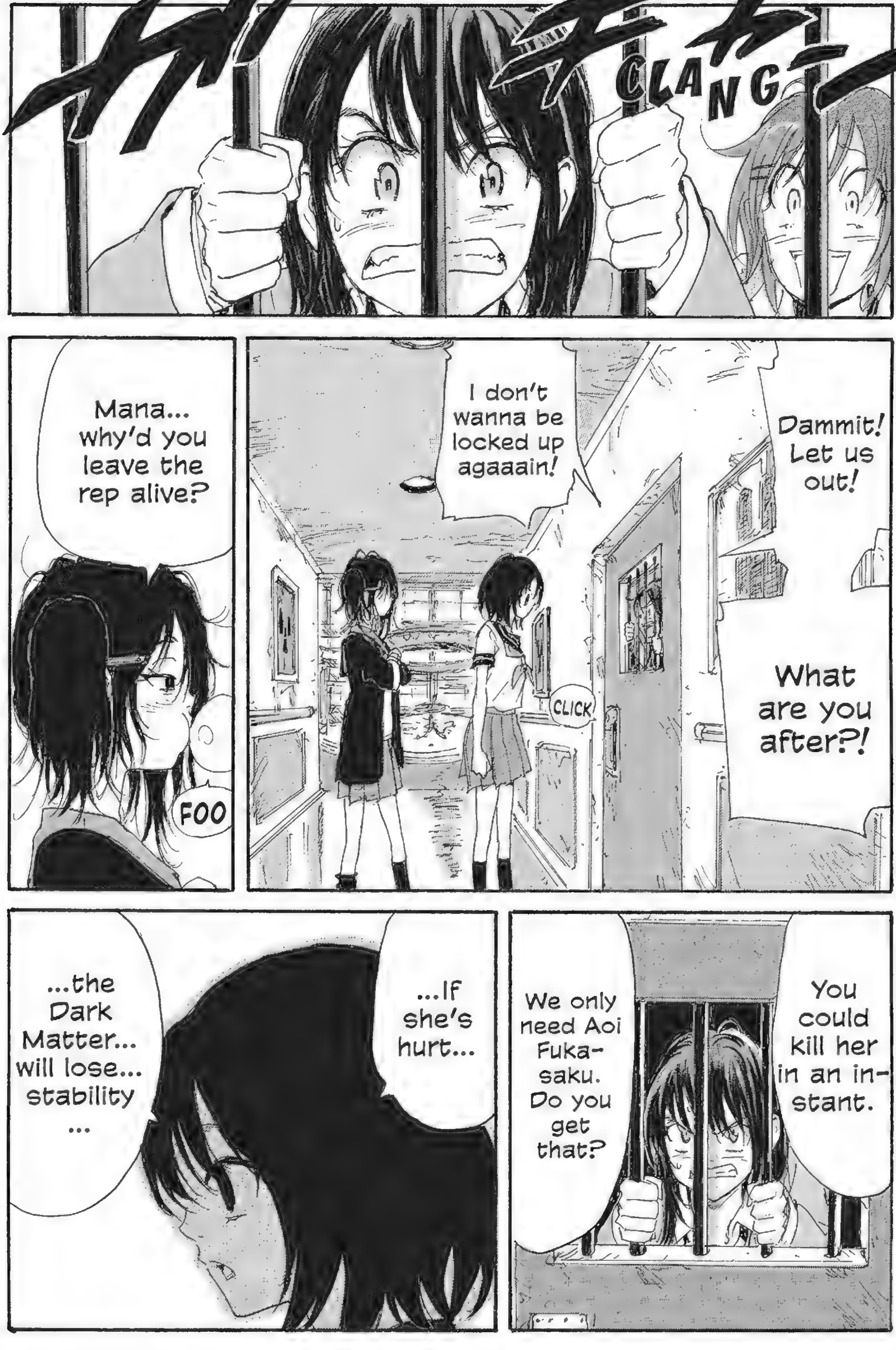

TMP
Oh god... I'm gonna pee myself!
Moron! Any-thing but that!
But, like, this is the City Hall's *obser-vation deck!*
Except we're on the *wrong side of the window!* Whee!
HWOOOO
POINT
Oof!!
FWUP
FSSH
Yeek!

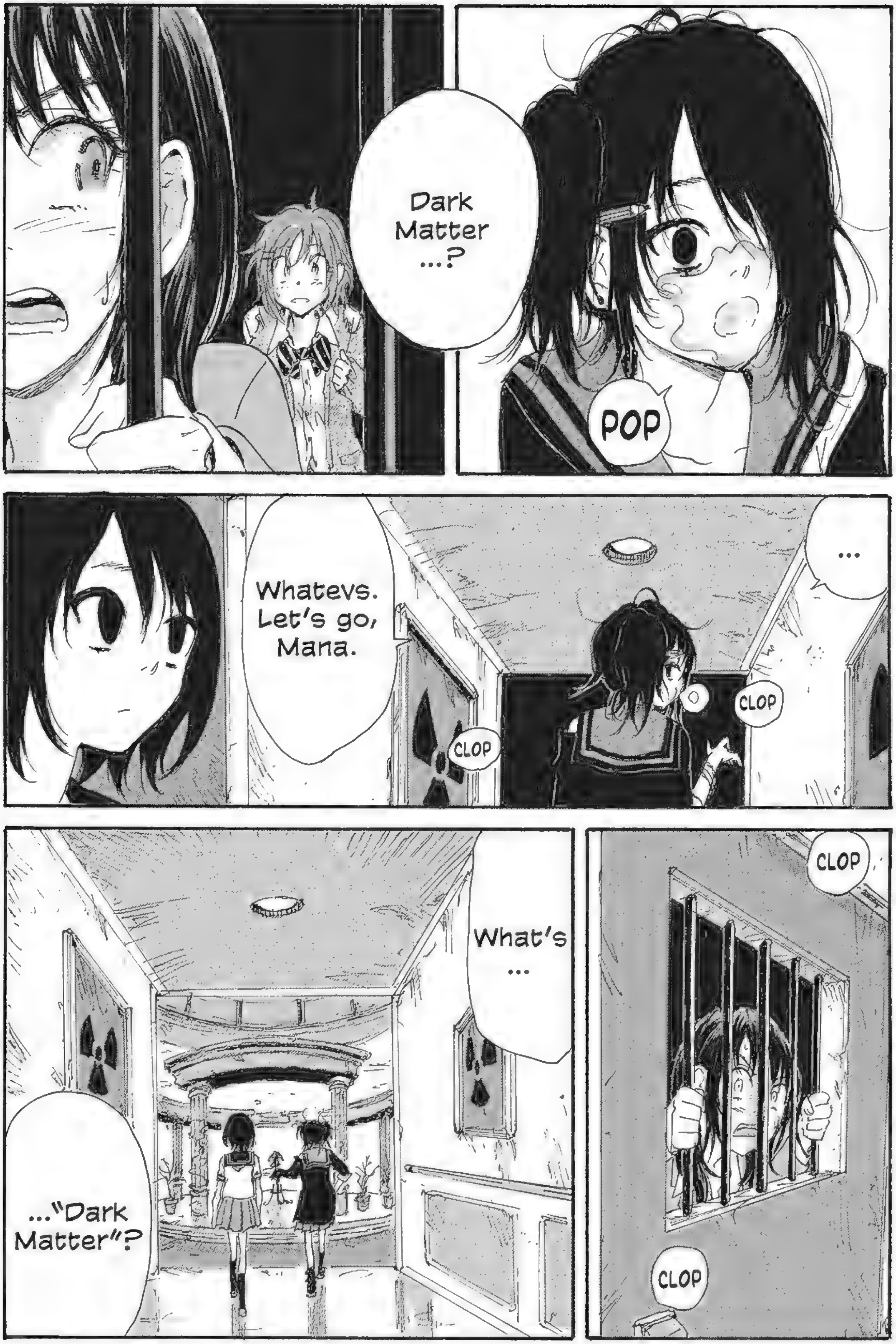

...
Dammit ...
What do you want with us?!
?!
GWSH
Augh! M-My arms—
Ow... I can't move!
TUG
TUG
Hey, Mana.
?!
What'd you bring an extra for?

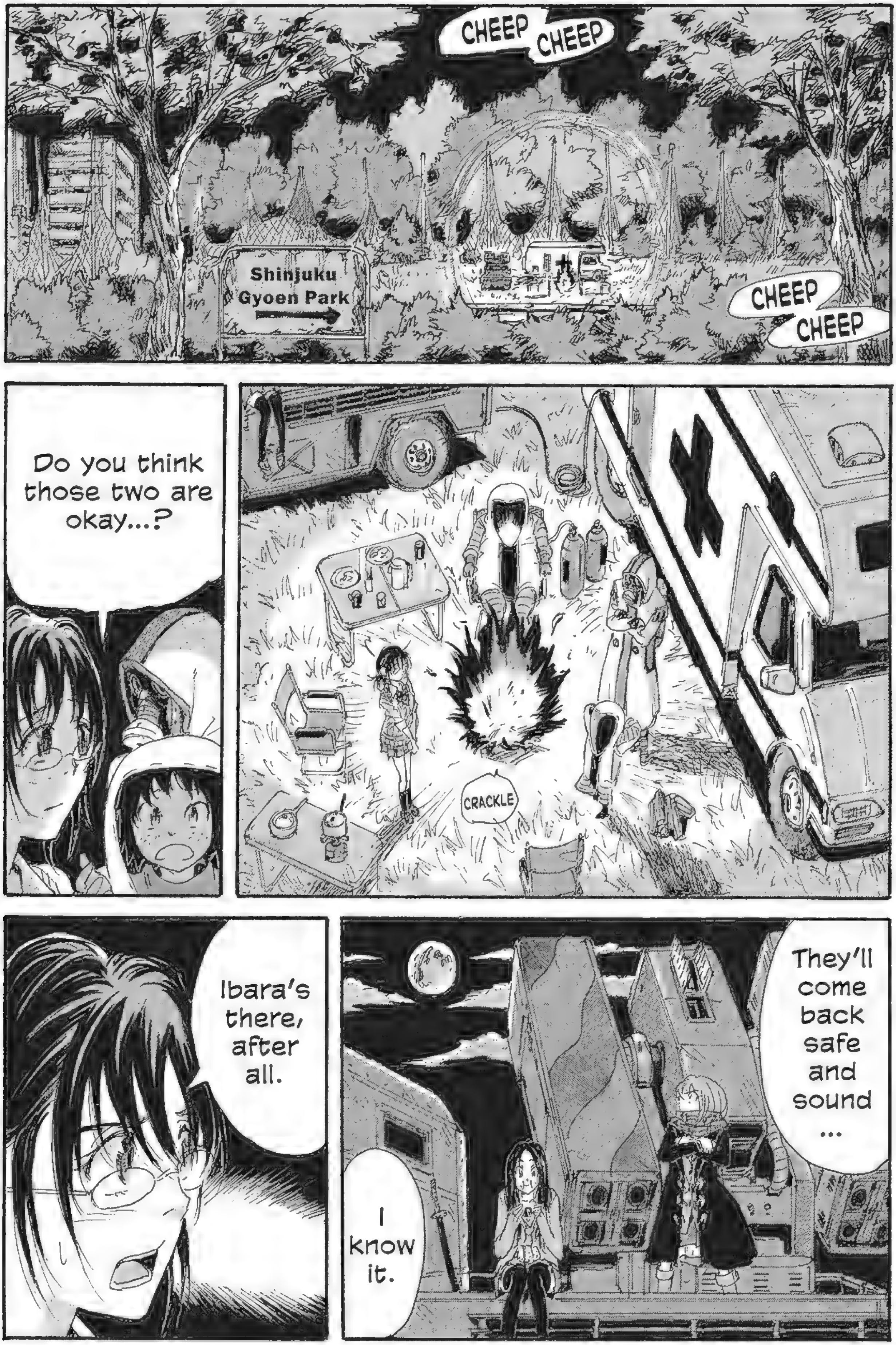

Some-one's there!
That's —
Ugh, I'm itchy.
TAK
TAK
Chocolate
Tea
Of course, I haven't had a bath in three days...
CLICK
Tea

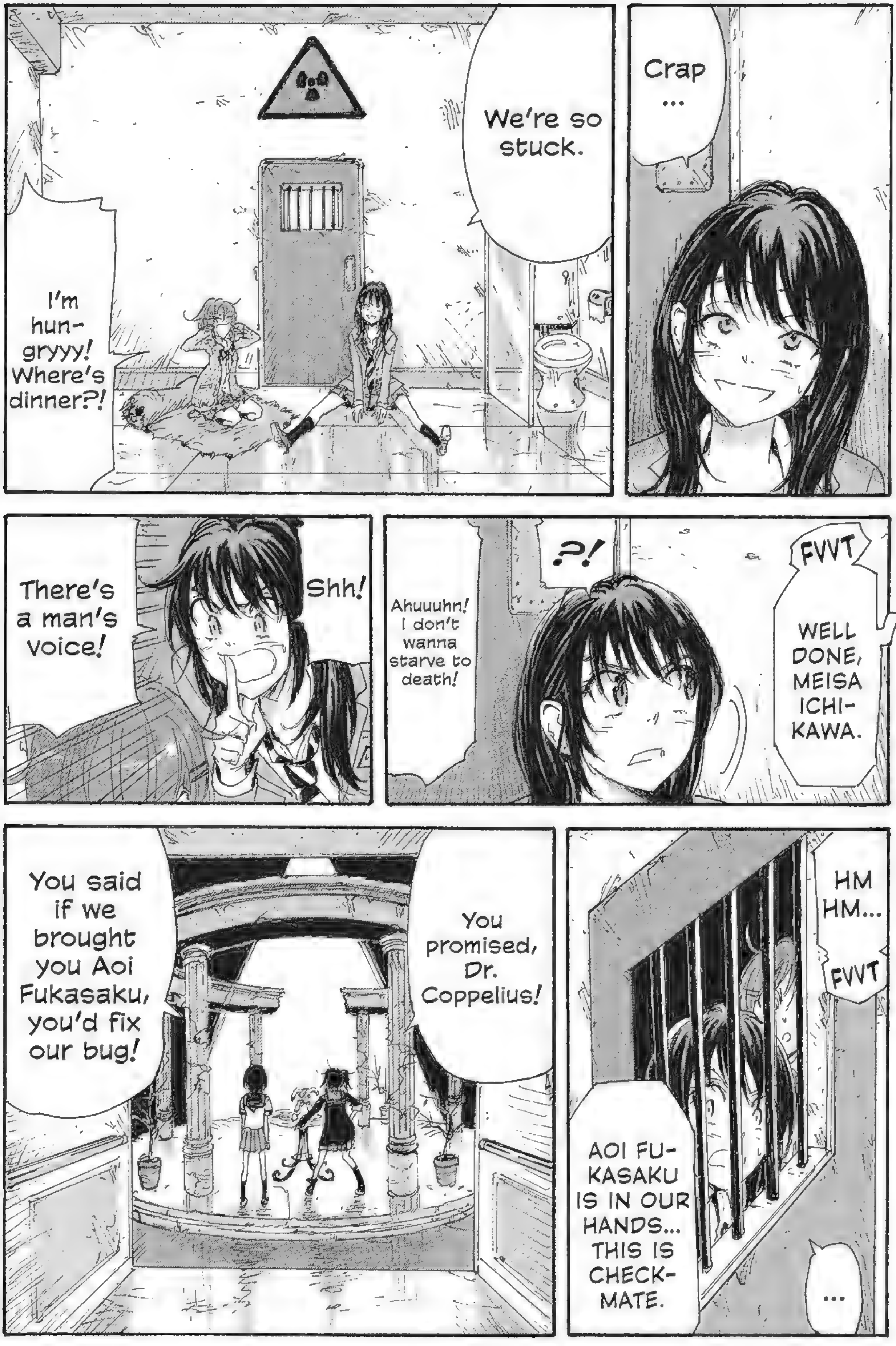

Neutrons *reek.*
CHEW
SKRITCH
SKRITCH
CHEW
CLICK
Gum

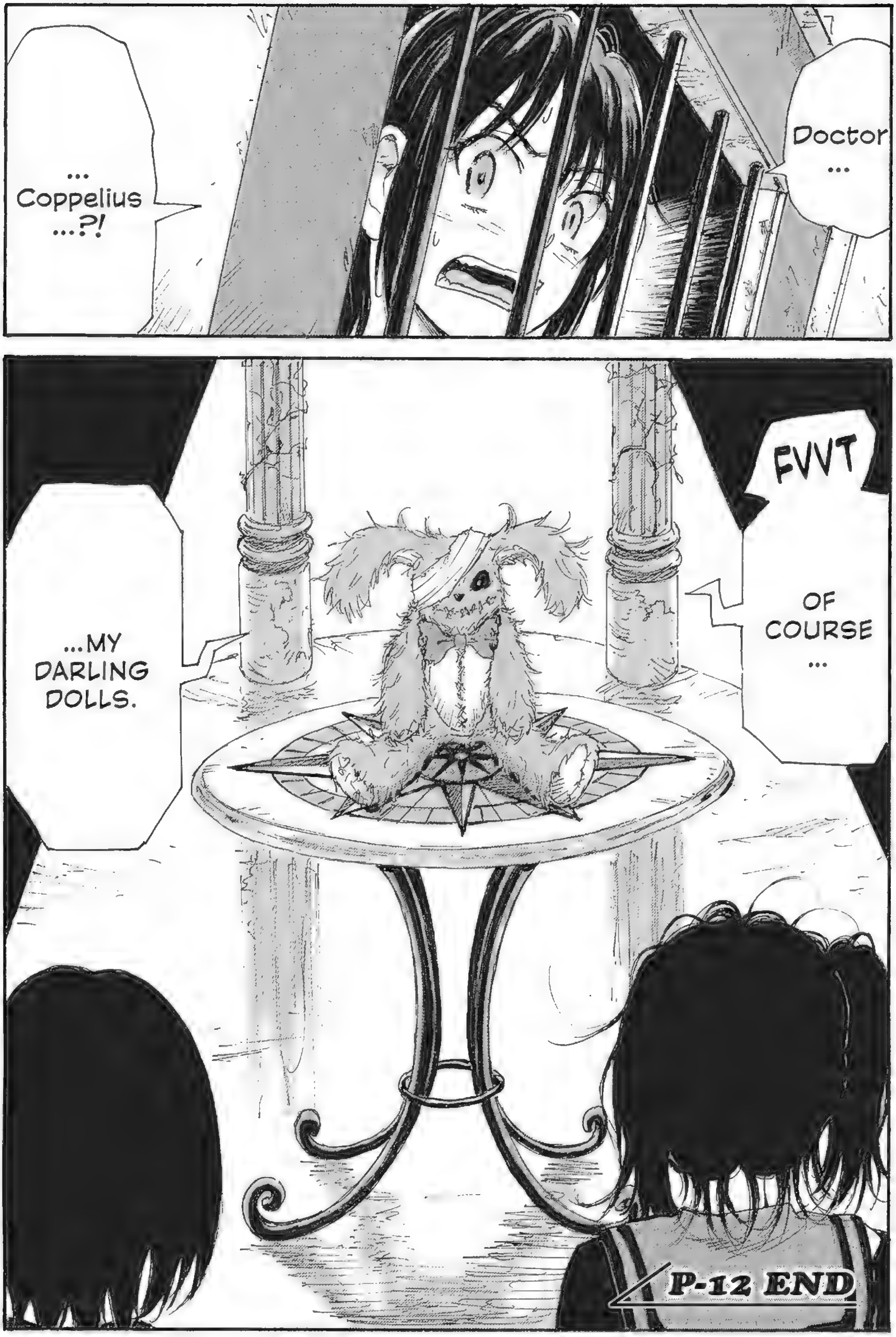

A second-year...
Meisa Ichikawa!
CHEW
CHEW
Hey, Meisa!
What are you trying to do?!
FWAP
You're the one pulling Mana's strings, aren't you?!
Yuppers, representative Naruse.
THUD
I gave her the order...
Tea
...to kill everybody who gets too close to Tokyo.


CLANG
Dammit! Let us out!
I don't wanna be locked up agaaain!
What are you after?!
CLICK
Mana... why'd you leave the rep alive?
FOO
You could kill her in an instant.
We only need Aoi Fukasaku. Do you get that?
...If she's hurt...
...the Dark Matter... will lose... stability...

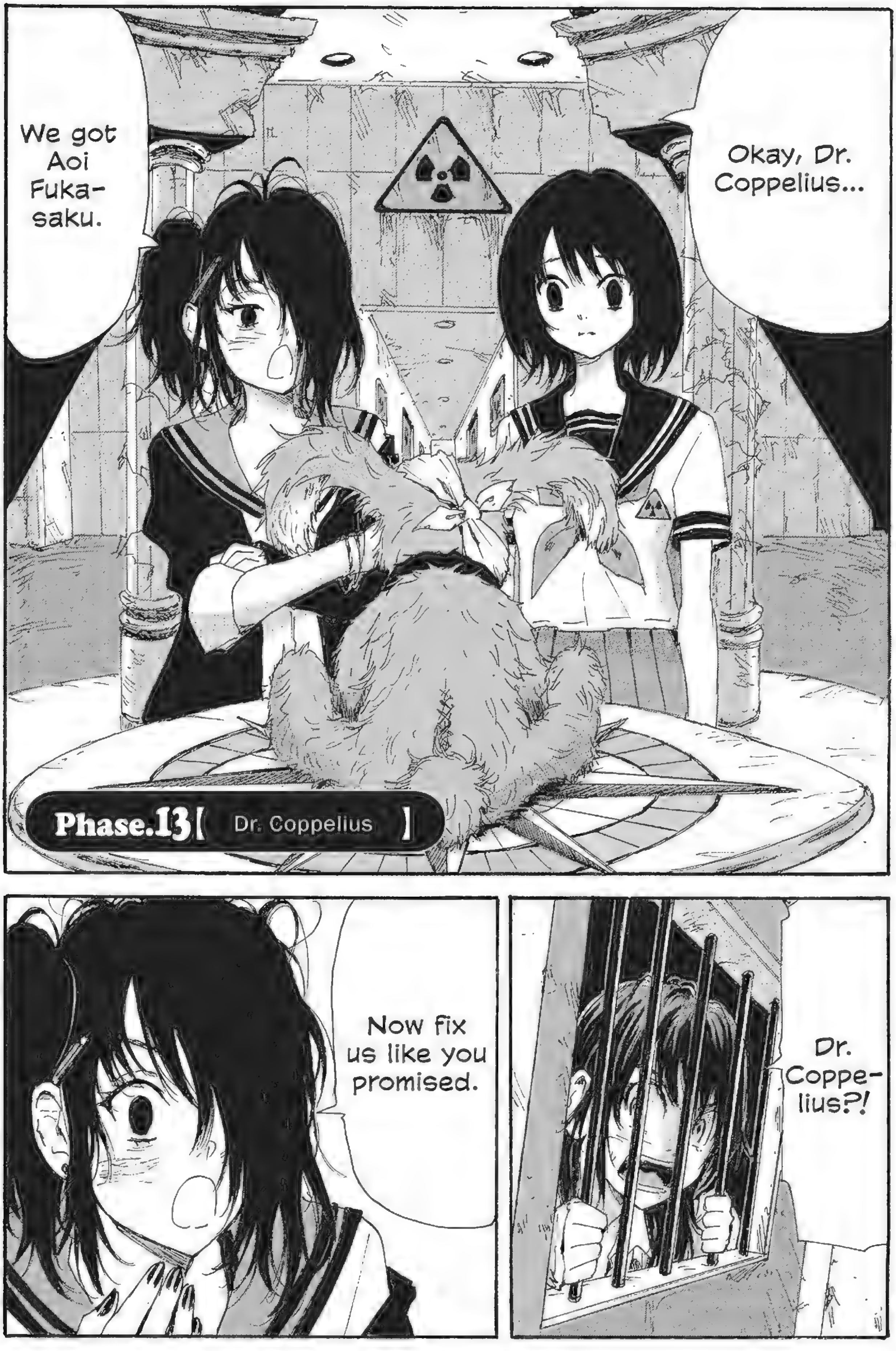

Dark Matter ...?
POP
...
Whatevs. Let's go, Mana.
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
What's ...
..."Dark Matter"?

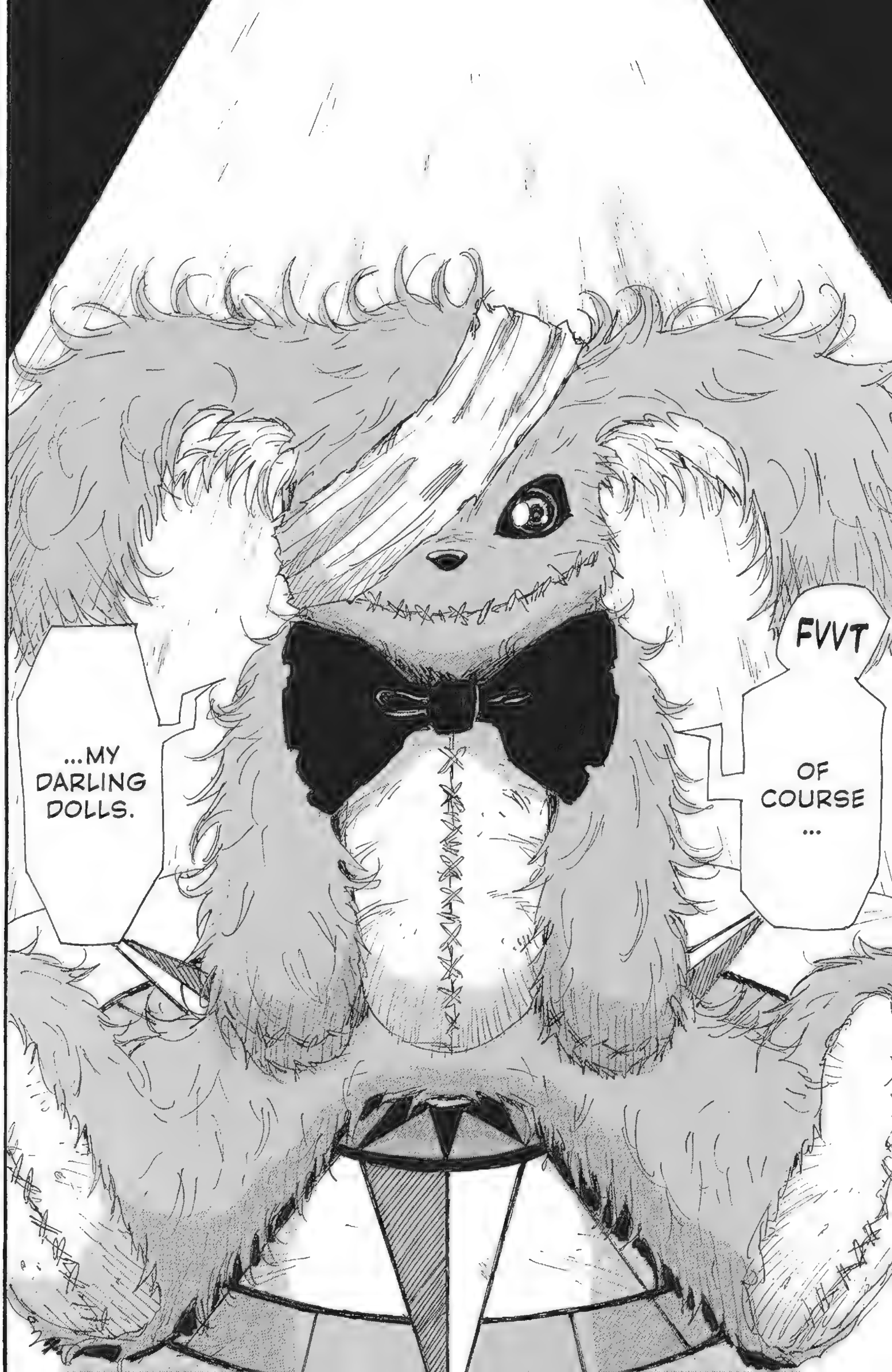

CHEEP CHEEP
Shinjuku Gyoen Park
CHEEP CHEEP
CRACKLE
Do you think those two are okay...?
They'll come back safe and sound...
I know it.
Ibara's there, after all.

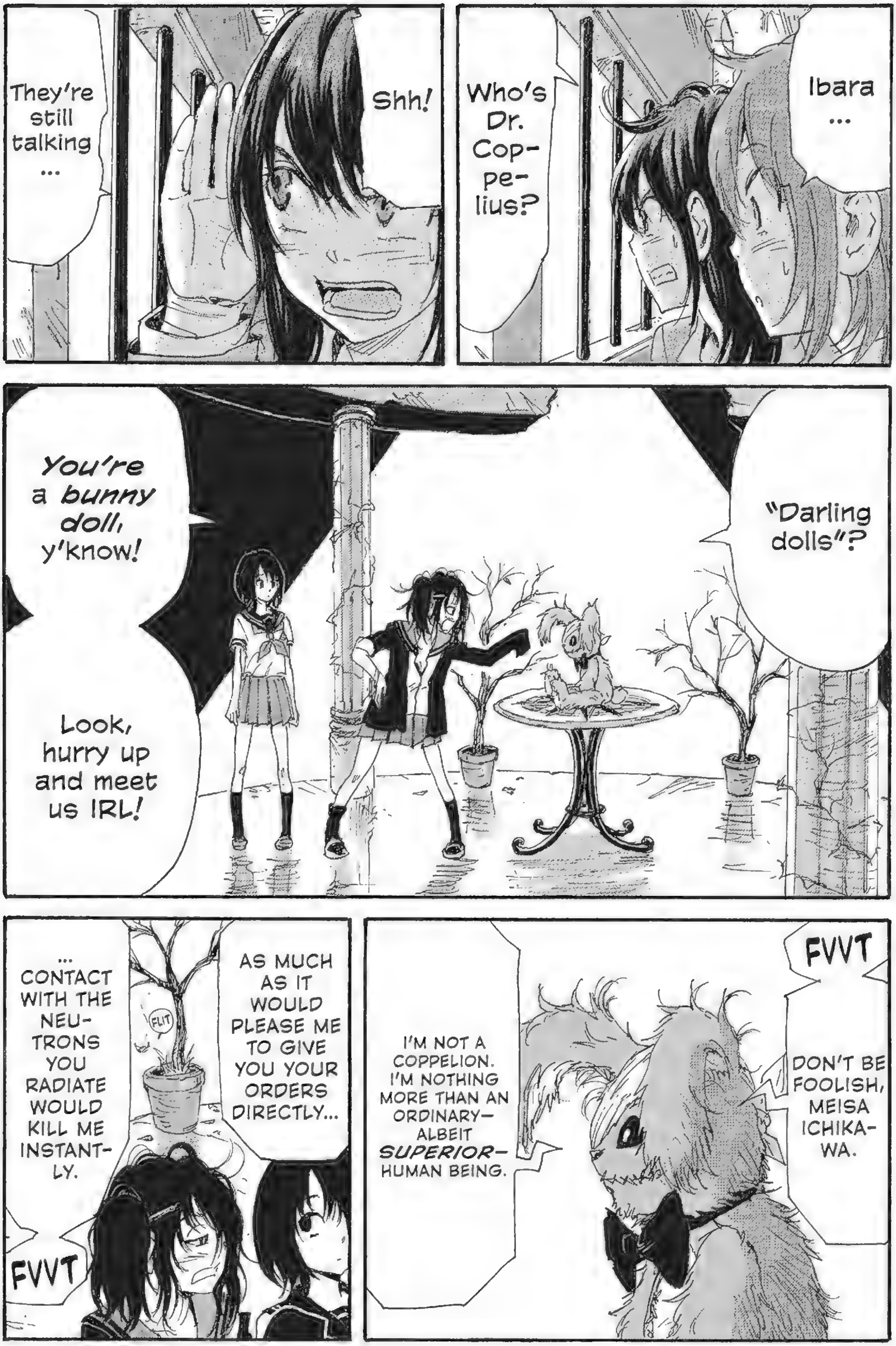

Crap ...
We're so stuck.
I'm hungryyy! Where's dinner?!
?!
FVVT
WELL DONE, MEISA ICHIKAWA.
Ahuuuhn! I don't wanna starve to death!
Shh!
There's a man's voice!
HM HM...
FVVT
AOI FUKASAKU IS IN OUR HANDS... THIS IS CHECKMATE.
...
You promised, Dr. Coppelius!
You said if we brought you Aoi Fukasaku, you'd fix our bug!

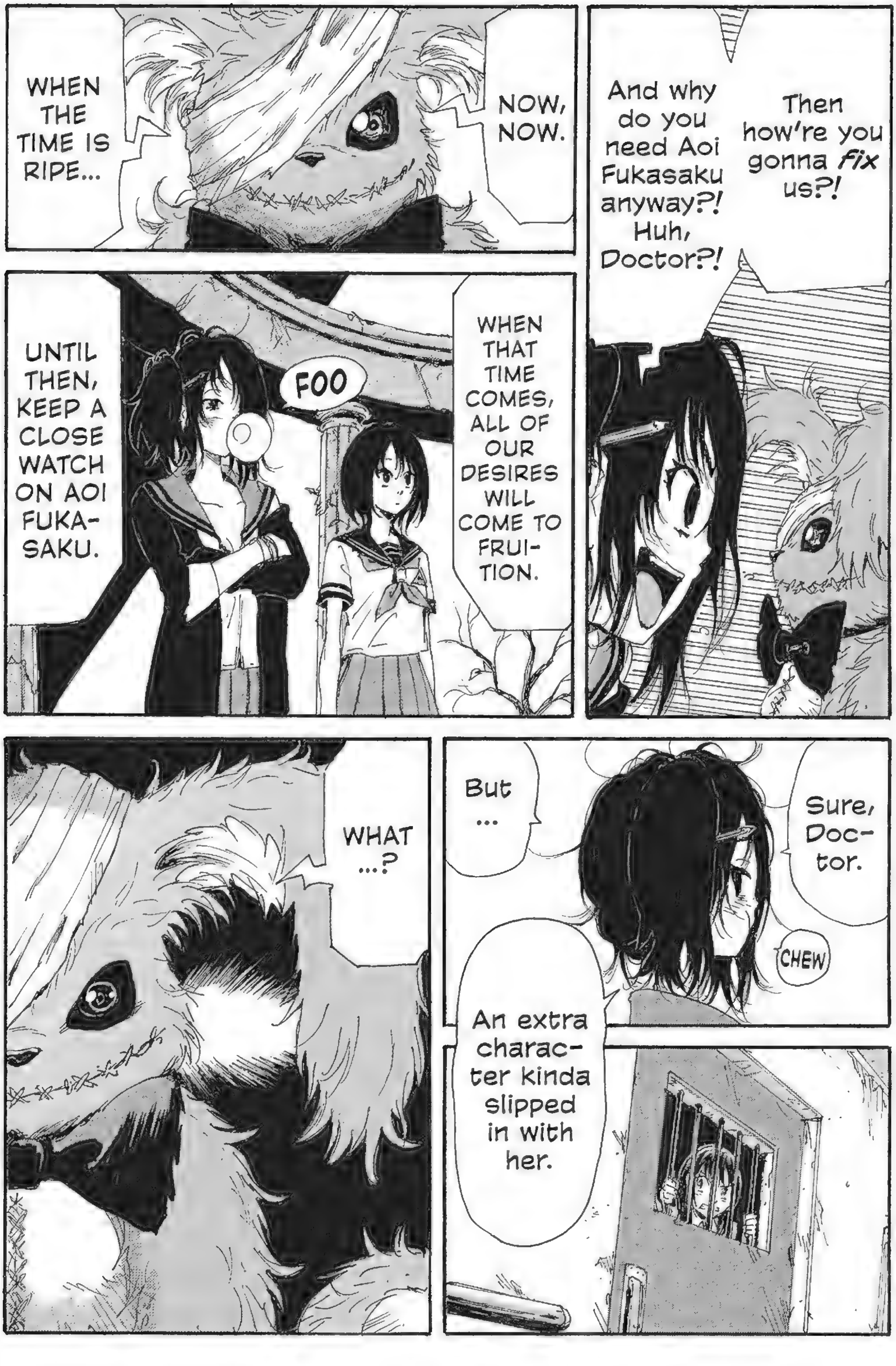

Doctor ...
... Coppelius ...?!
FVVT
OF COURSE ...
...MY DARLING DOLLS.
P-12 END

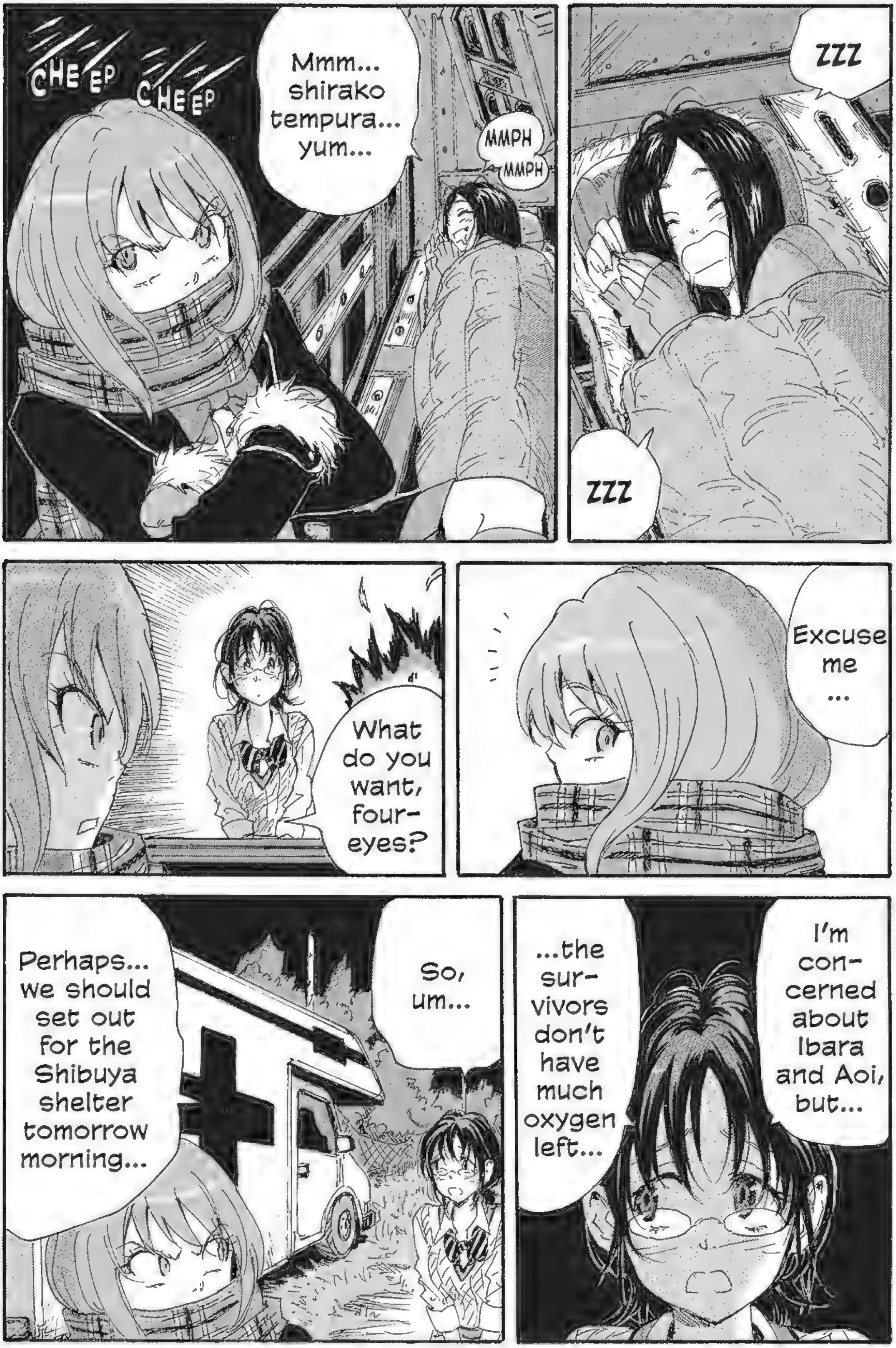
Phase.13 [Dr. Coppelius]

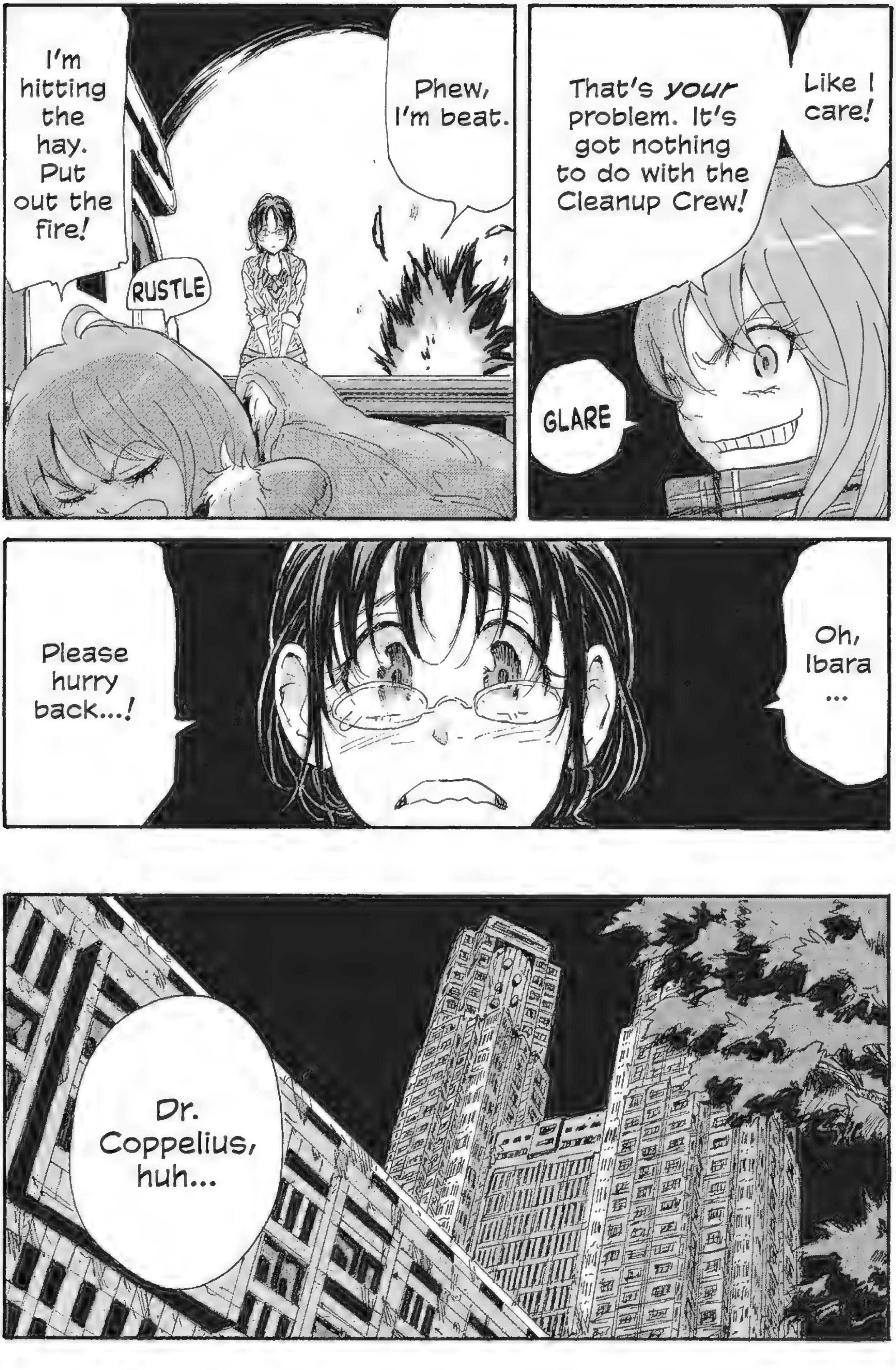

We got Aoi Fukasaku.
Okay, Dr. Coppelius...
Now fix us like you promised.
Dr. Coppelius?!

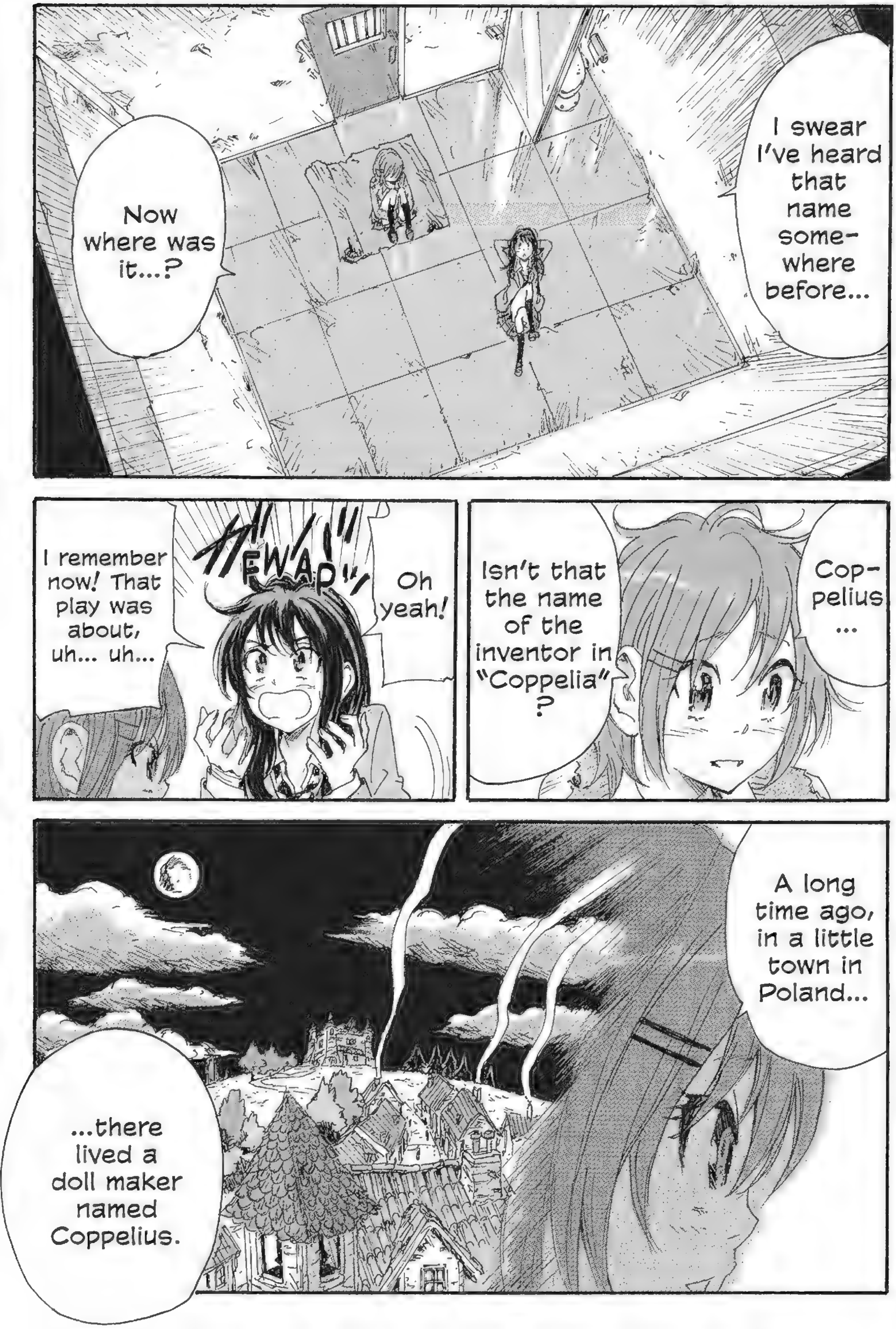

FVVT
OF COURSE ...
...MY DARLING DOLLS.

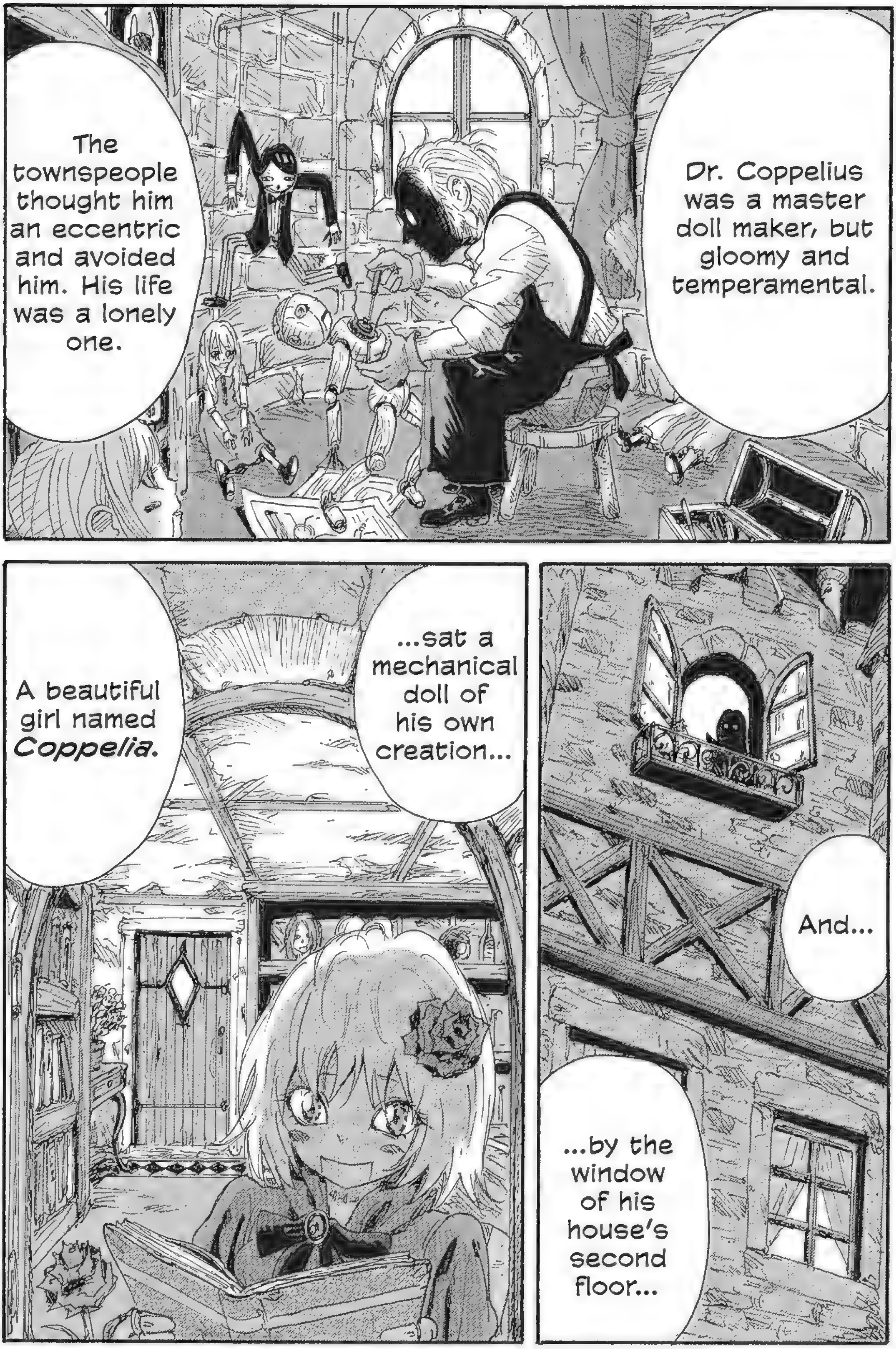

Ibara ...
Who's Dr. Coppelius?
Shh!
They're still talking ...
"Darling dolls"?
You're a *bunny doll,* y'know!
Look, hurry up and meet us IRL!
FVVT
DON'T BE FOOLISH, MEISA ICHIKAWA.
I'M NOT A COPPELION. I'M NOTHING MORE THAN AN ORDINARY—ALBEIT *SUPERIOR*—HUMAN BEING.
AS MUCH AS IT WOULD PLEASE ME TO GIVE YOU YOUR ORDERS DIRECTLY...
... CONTACT WITH THE NEUTRONS YOU RADIATE WOULD KILL ME INSTANTLY.
FLIT
FVVT

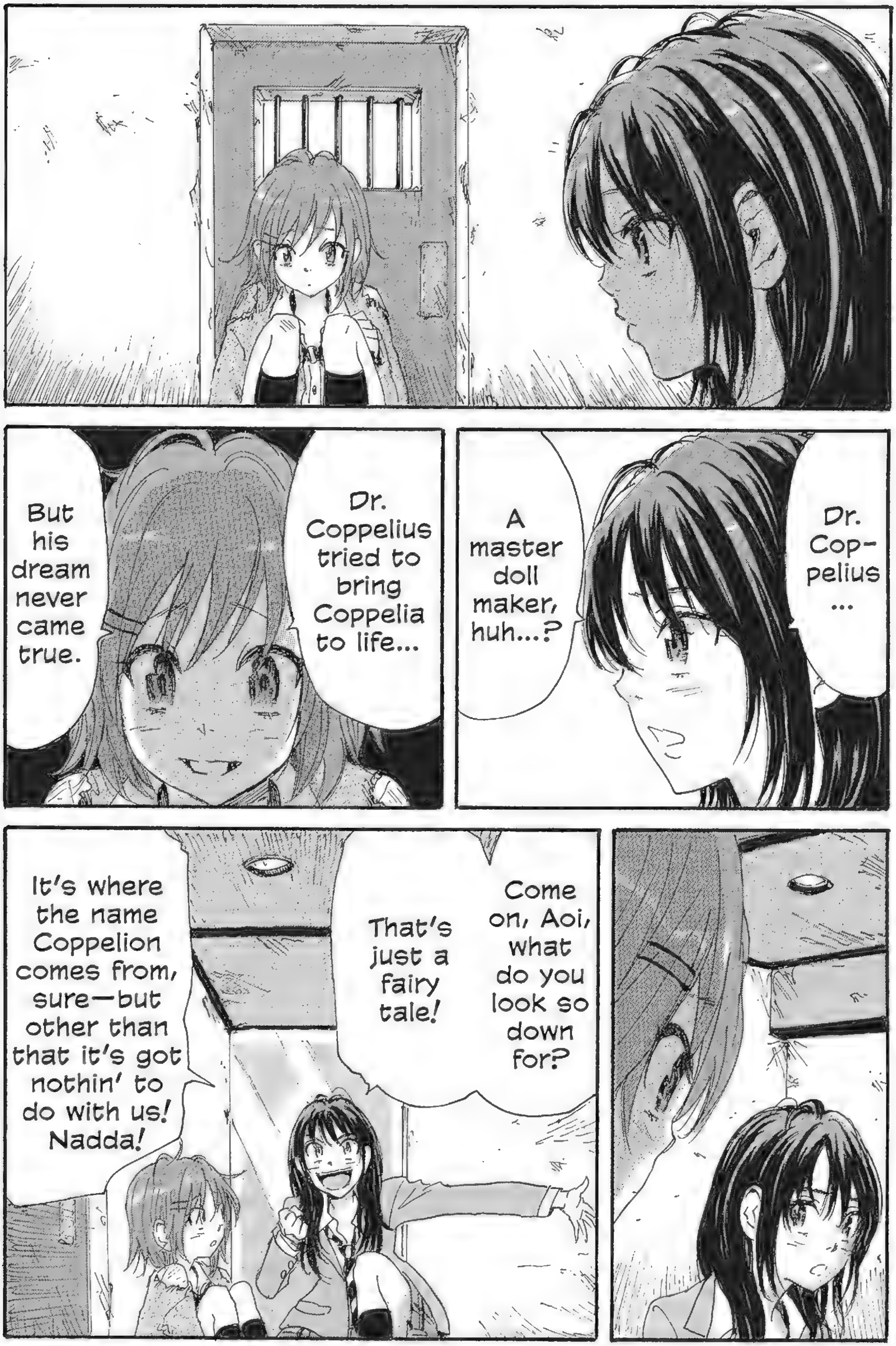

Then how're you gonna *fix* us?!
And why do you need Aoi Fukasaku anyway?! Huh, Doctor?!
NOW, NOW.
WHEN THE TIME IS RIPE...
WHEN THAT TIME COMES, ALL OF OUR DESIRES WILL COME TO FRUITION.
FOO
UNTIL THEN, KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON AOI FUKASAKU.
Sure, Doctor.
CHEW
But ...
An extra character kinda slipped in with her.
WHAT ...?

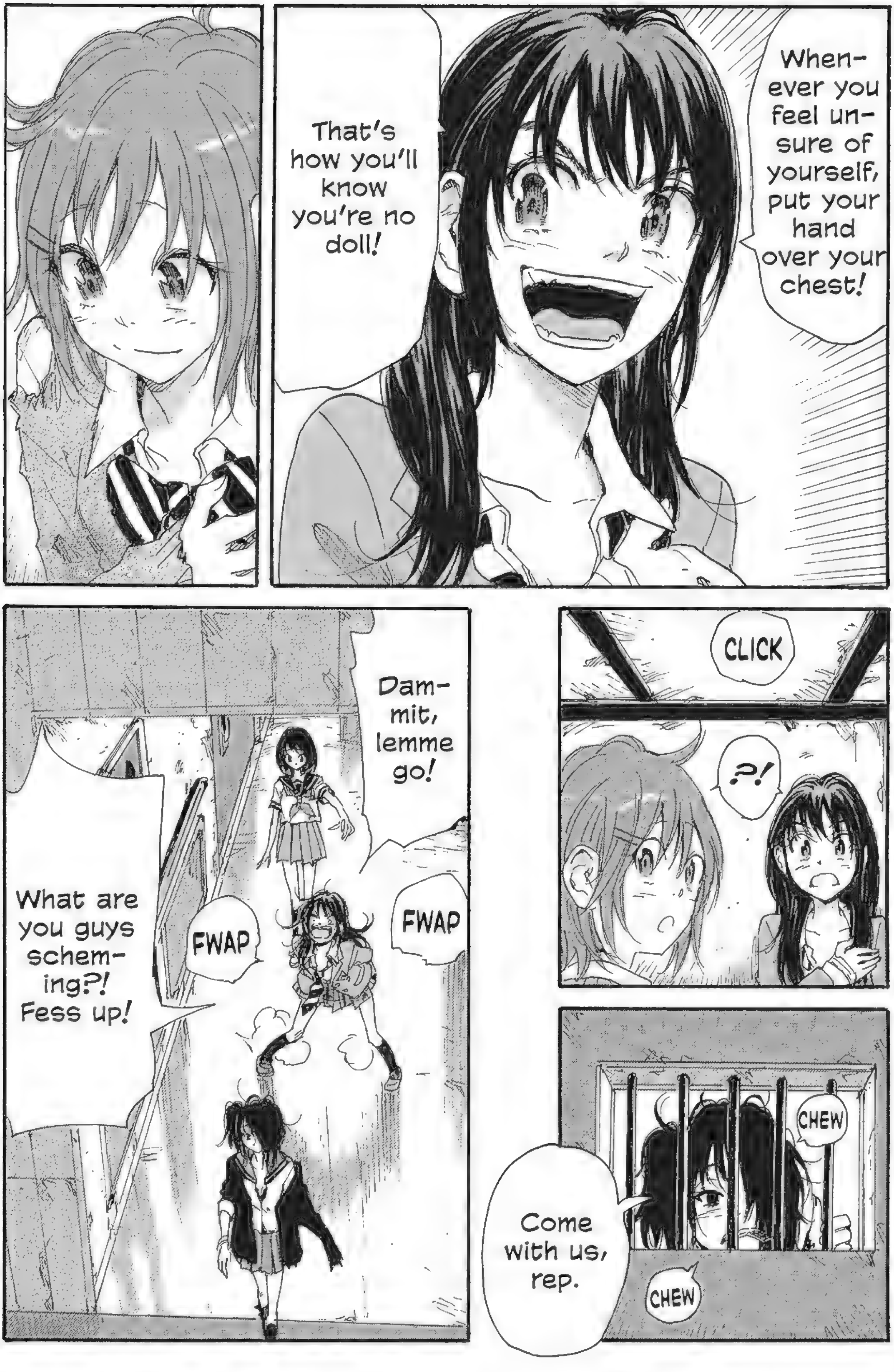

ZZZ
ZZZ
CHEEP CHEEP
Mmm... shirako tempura... yum...
MMPH MMPH
Excuse me ...
What do you want, four-eyes?
I'm concerned about Ibara and Aoi, but...
...the survivors don't have much oxygen left...
So, um...
Perhaps... we should set out for the Shibuya shelter tomorrow morning...

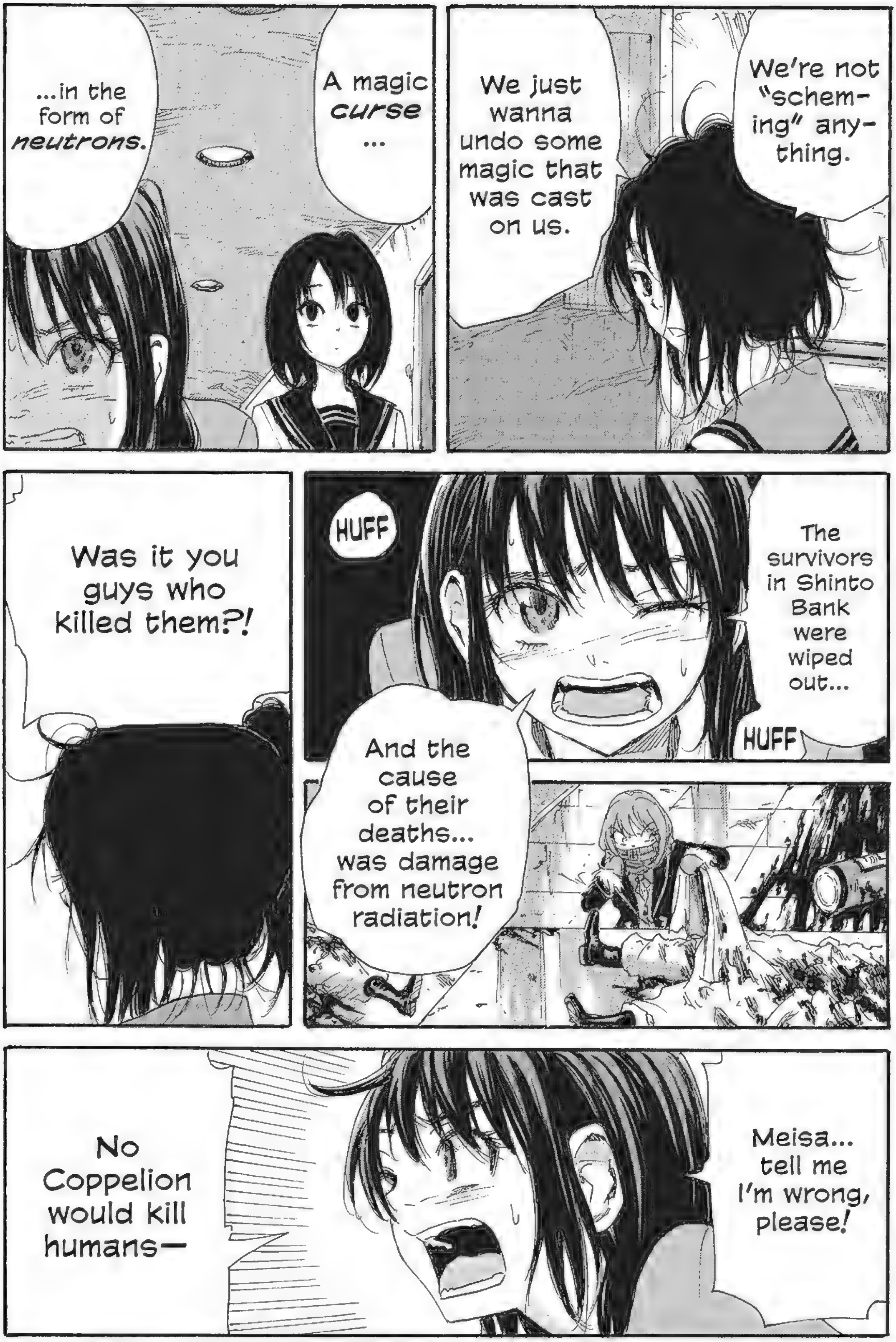

Like I care!
That's *your* problem. It's got nothing to do with the Cleanup Crew!
GLARE
Phew, I'm beat.
I'm hitting the hay. Put out the fire!
RUSTLE
Oh, Ibara...
Please hurry back...!
Dr. Coppelius, huh...

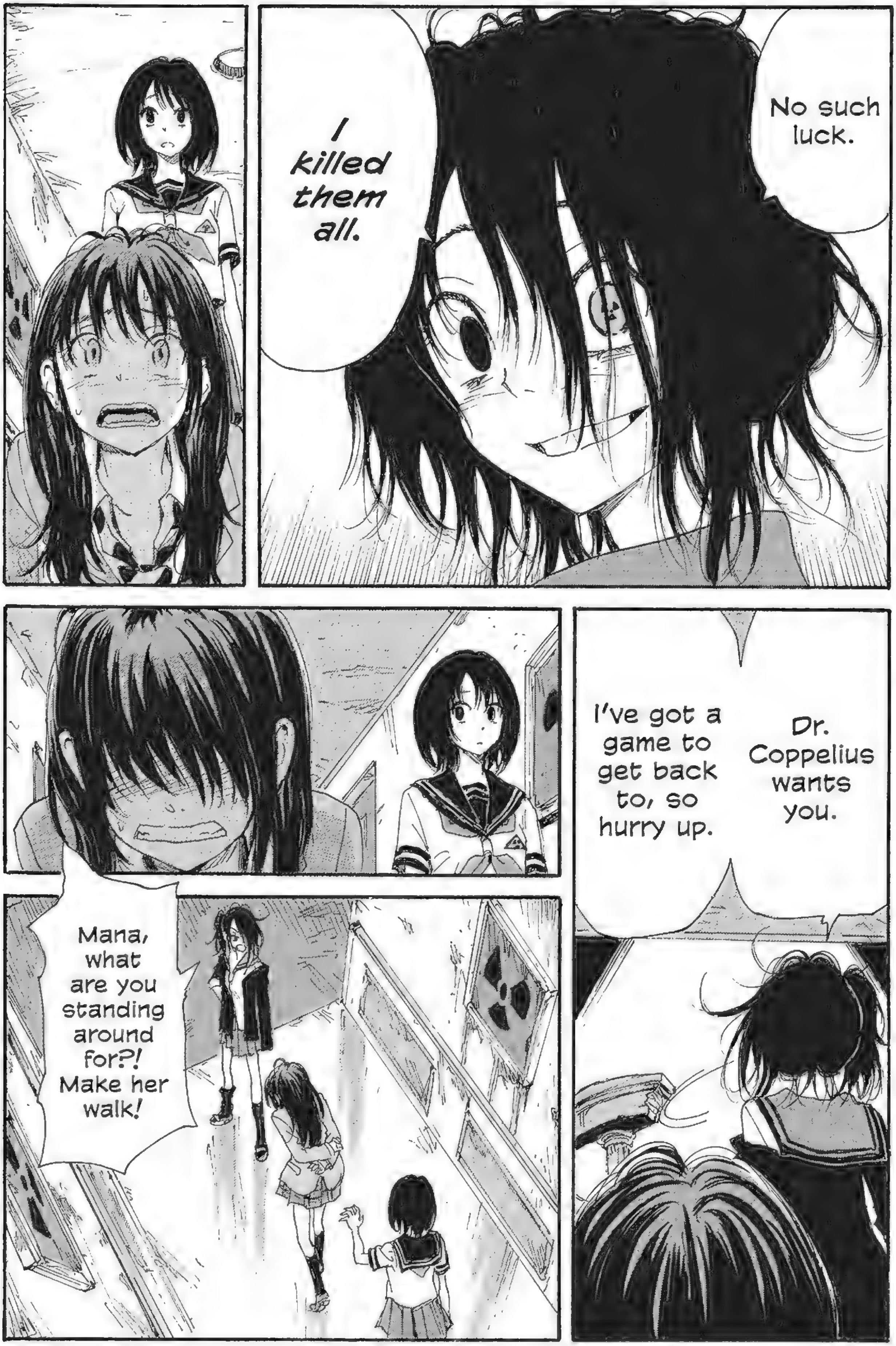

I swear I've heard that name somewhere before...
Now where was it...?
Cop-pelius...
Isn't that the name of the inventor in "Coppelia"?
Oh yeah!
FWAP
I remember now! That play was about, uh... uh...
A long time ago, in a little town in Poland...
...there lived a doll maker named Coppelius.

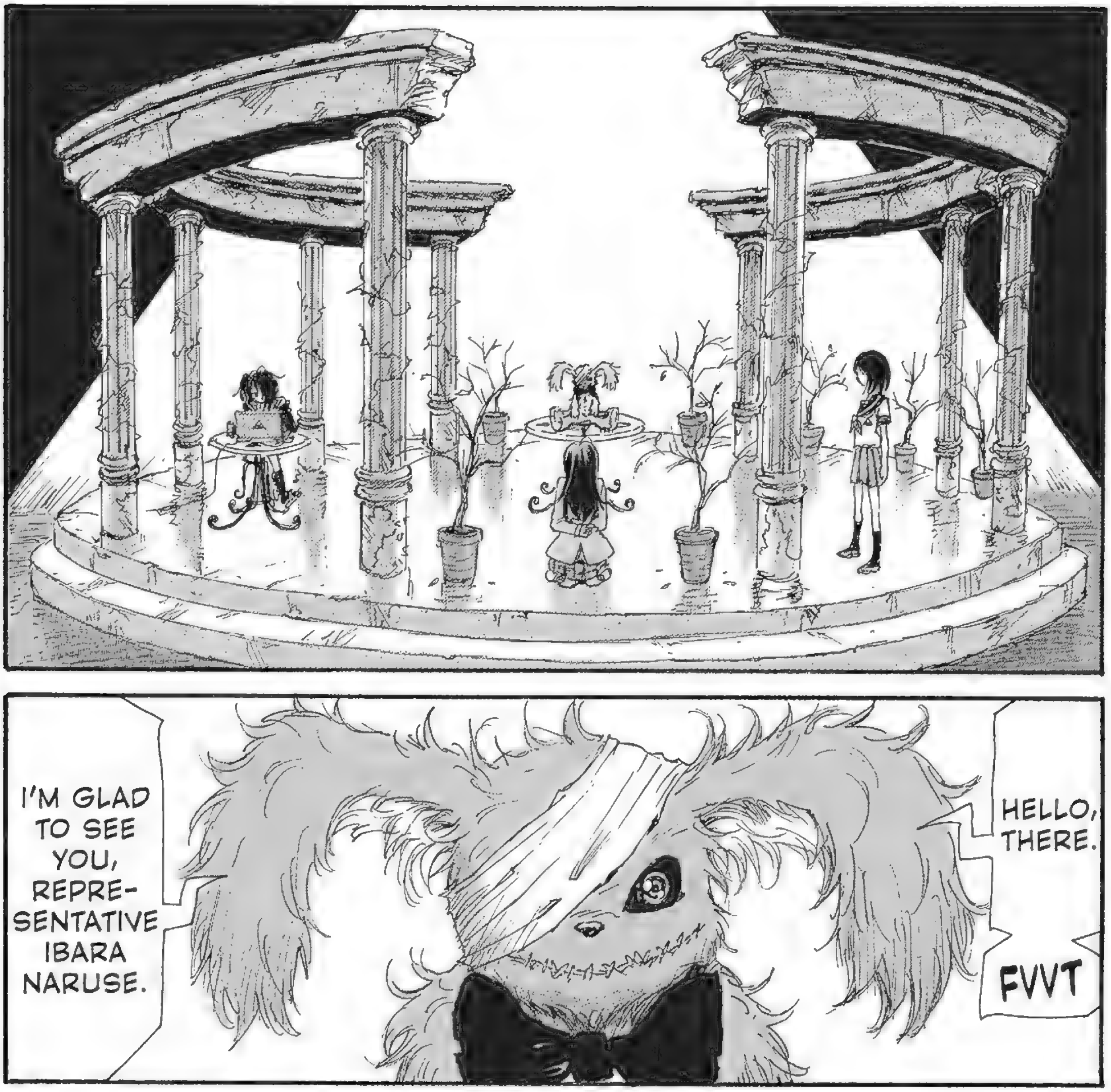

Dr. Coppelius was a master doll maker, but gloomy and temperamental.
The townspeople thought him an eccentric and avoided him. His life was a lonely one.
And...
...by the window of his house's second floor...
...sat a mechanical doll of his own creation...
A beautiful girl named *Coppelia*.

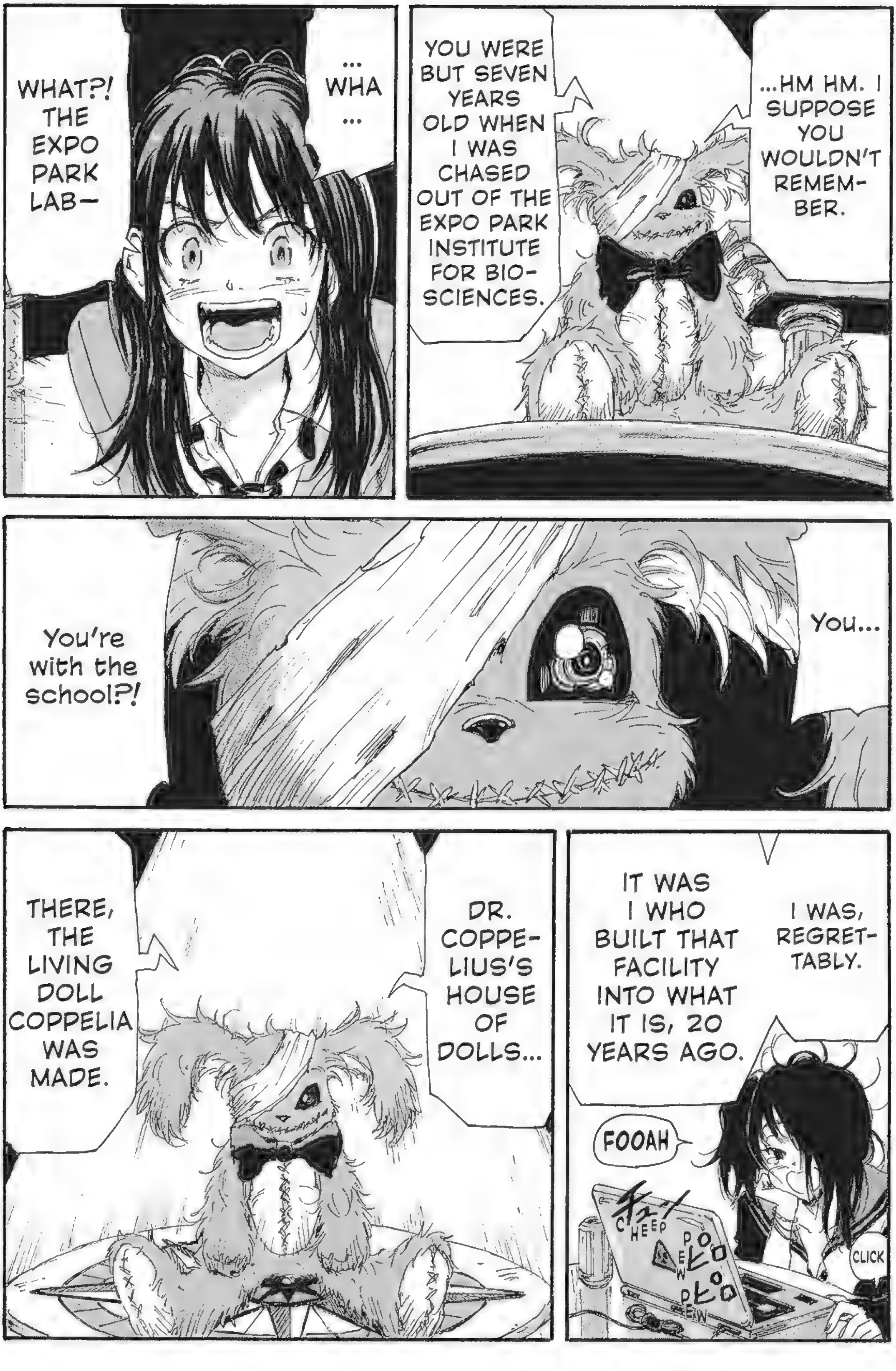

Dr. Coppelius...
A master doll maker, huh...?
Dr. Coppelius tried to bring Coppelia to life...
But his dream never came true.
Come on, Aoi, what do you look so down for?
That's just a fairy tale!
It's where the name Coppelion comes from, sure—but other than that it's got nothin' to do with us! Nadda!

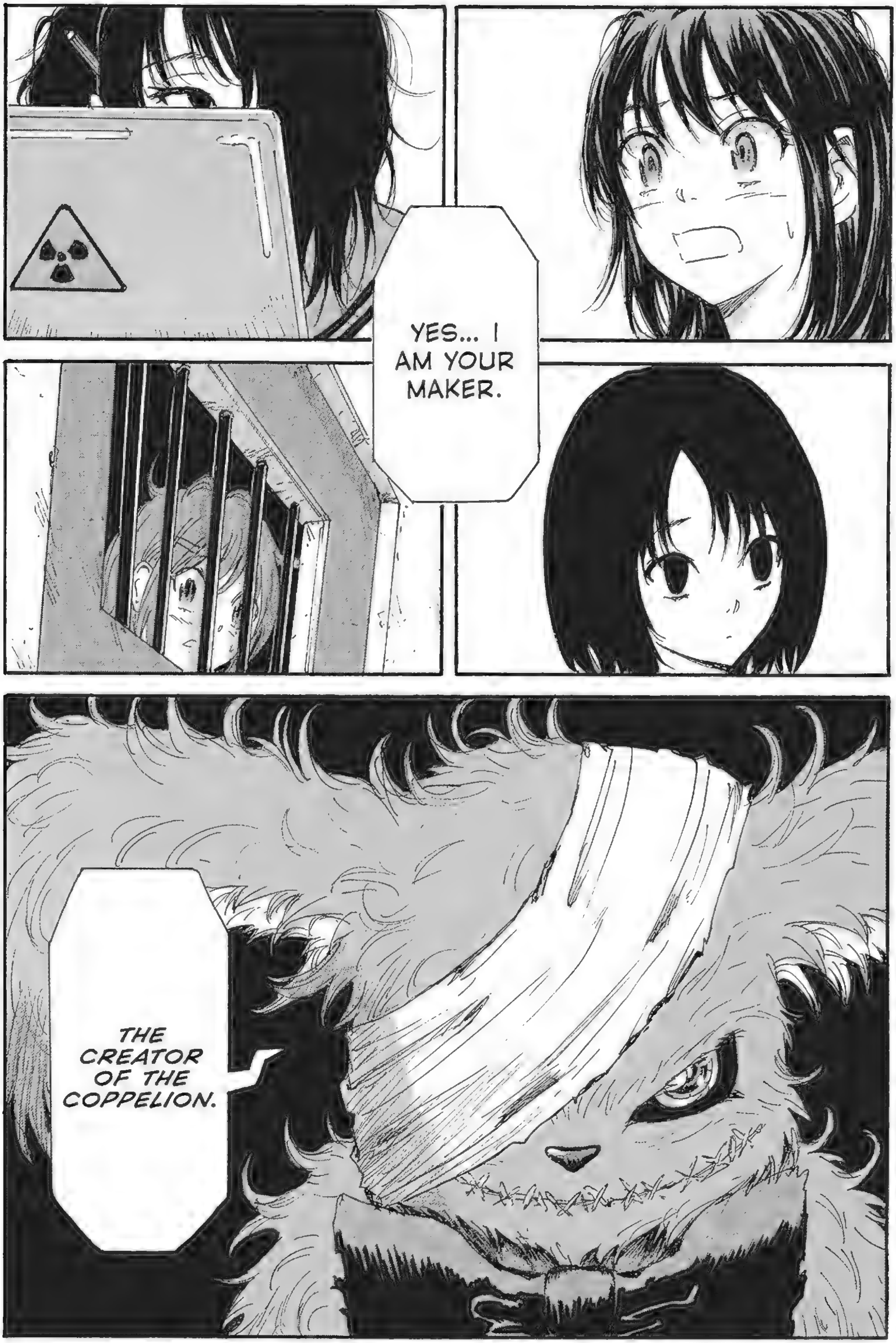

Whenever you feel unsure of yourself, put your hand over your chest!
That's how you'll know you're no doll!
CLICK
?!
CHEW
Come with us, rep.
CHEW
Dammit, lemme go!
FWAP
FWAP
What are you guys scheming?! Fess up!

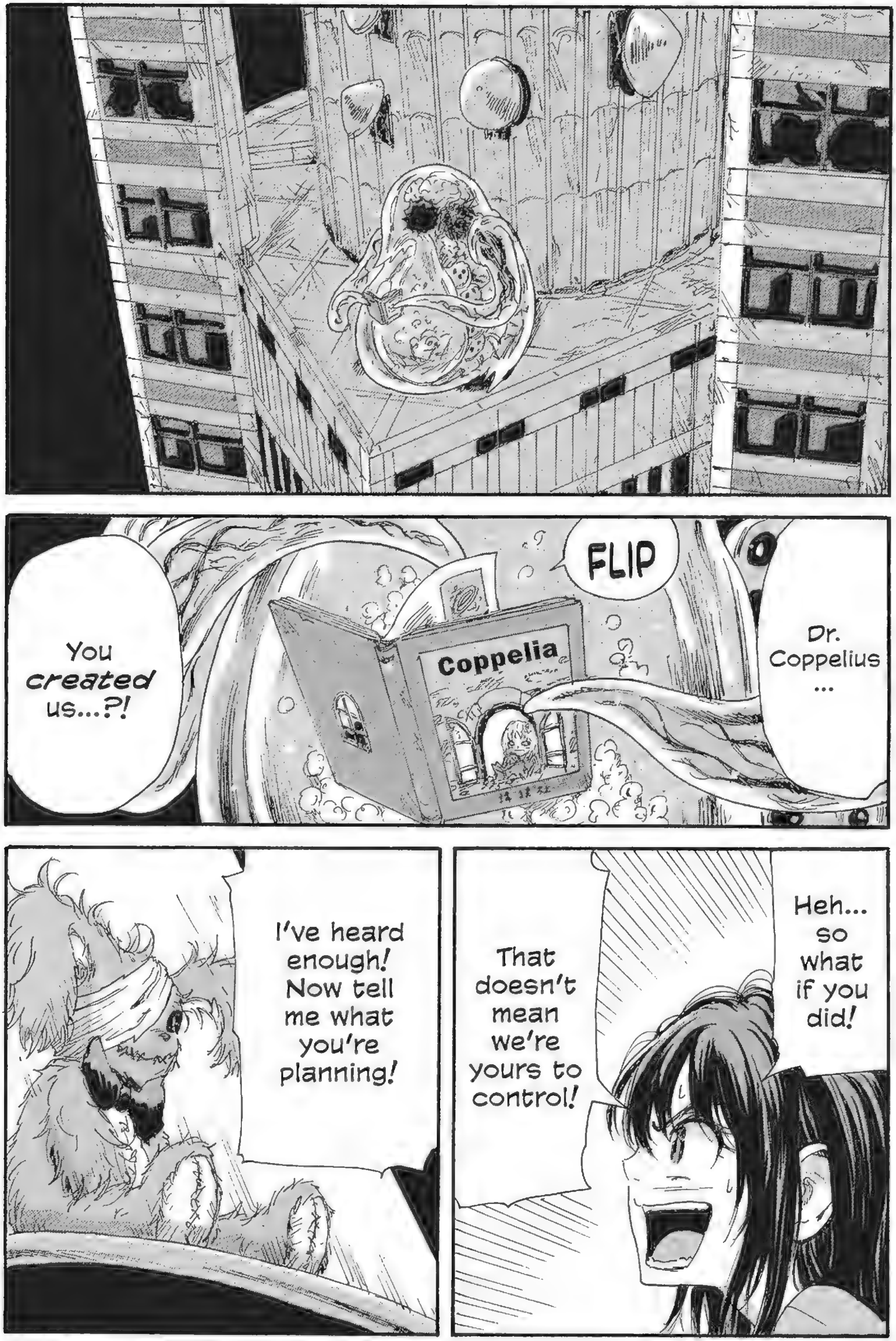

We're not "scheming" anything.
We just wanna undo some magic that was cast on us.
A magic *curse*...
...in the form of *neutrons.*
The survivors in Shinto Bank were wiped out...
HUFF
HUFF
And the cause of their deaths... was damage from neutron radiation!
Was it you guys who killed them?!
Meisa... tell me I'm wrong, please!
No Coppelion would kill humans—

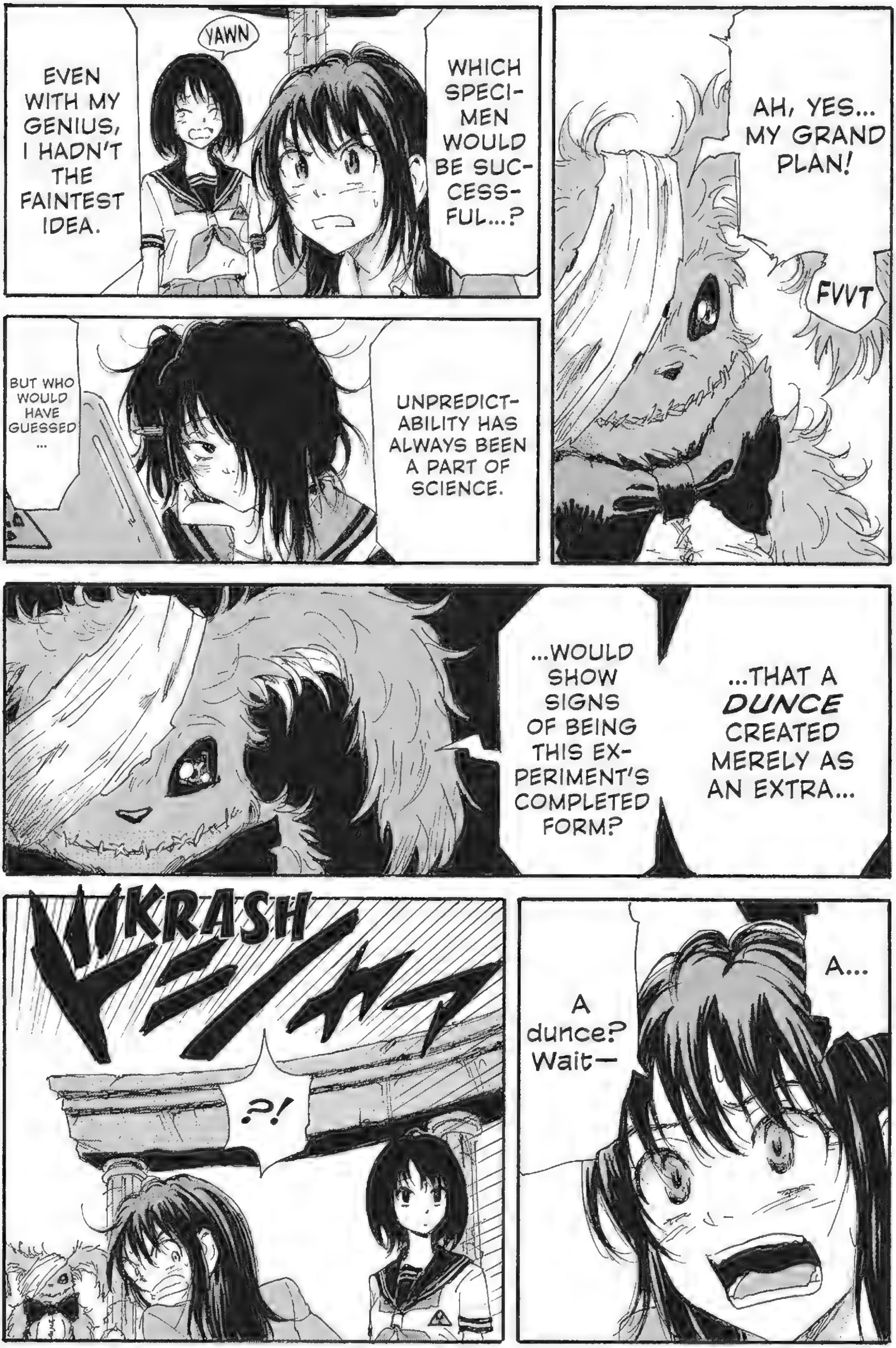

No such luck.
I killed them all.
Dr. Coppelius wants you.
I've got a game to get back to, so hurry up.
Mana, what are you standing around for?! Make her walk!

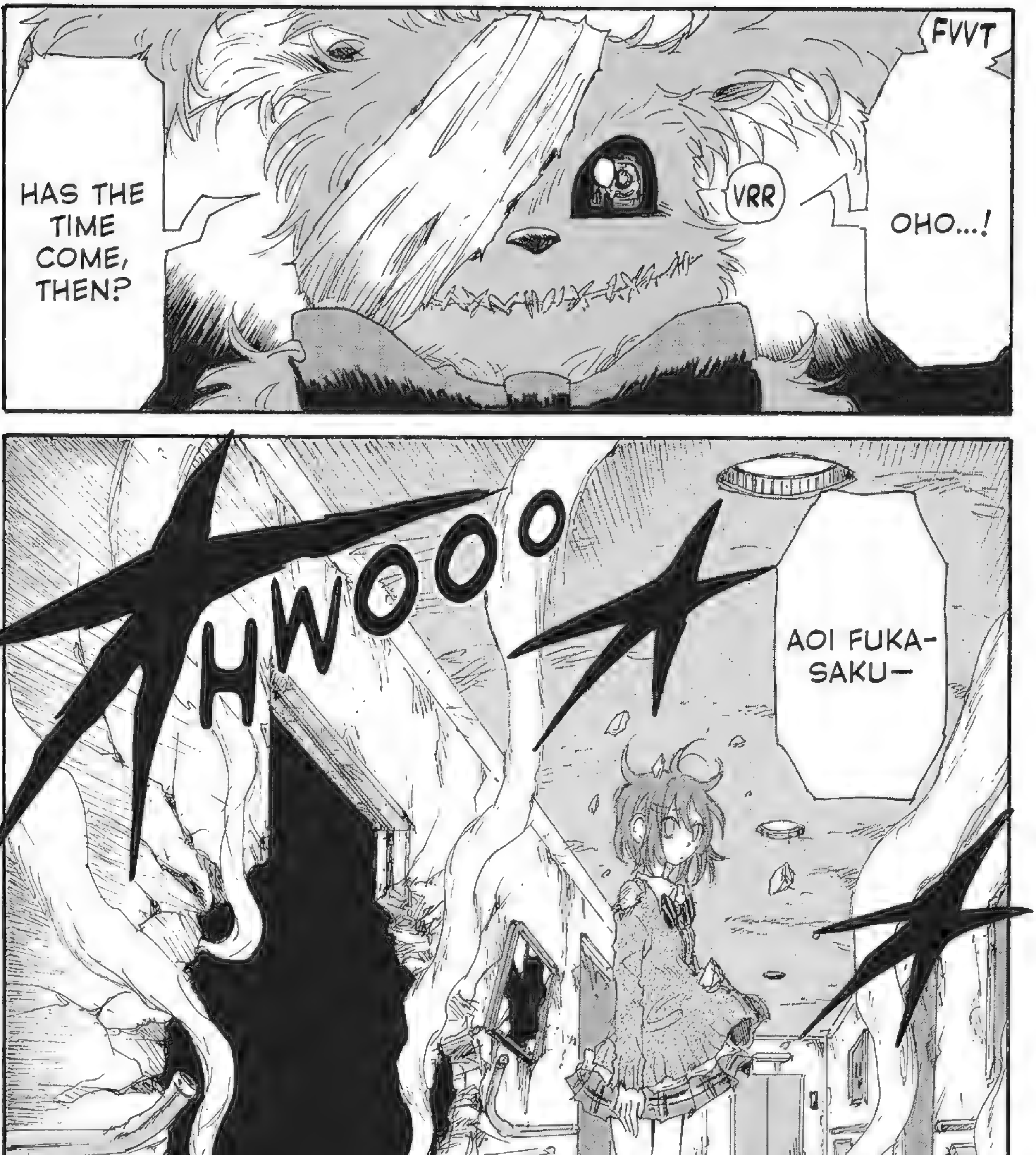

HELLO, THERE.
FVVT
I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU, REPRESENTATIVE IBARA NARUSE.
HOW MANY YEARS HAS IT BEEN?
HOHO, BUT YOU'VE GROWN INTO A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG WOMAN.
VRR
...?!
TUG
Sorry to break it to you, pal, but I don't know any rabbits! Who are you?!

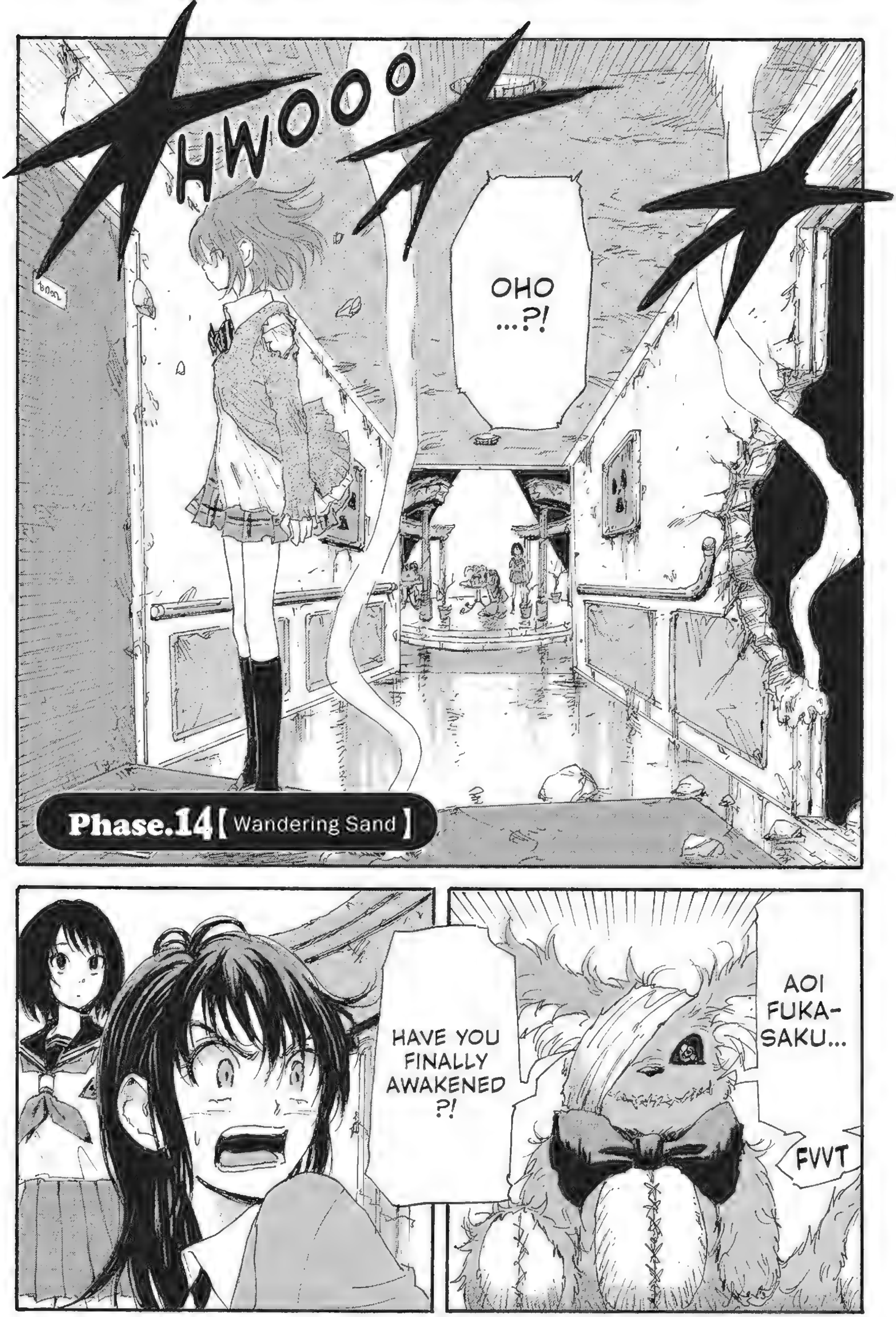

...HM HM. I SUPPOSE YOU WOULDN'T REMEMBER.
YOU WERE BUT SEVEN YEARS OLD WHEN I WAS CHASED OUT OF THE EXPO PARK INSTITUTE FOR BIOSCIENCES.
... WHA ...
WHAT?! THE EXPO PARK LAB—
You...
You're with the school?!
I WAS, REGRETTABLY.
IT WAS I WHO BUILT THAT FACILITY INTO WHAT IT IS, 20 YEARS AGO.
FOOAH
CHEEP
PEW
PEW
CLICK
DR. COPPELIUS'S HOUSE OF DOLLS...
THERE, THE LIVING DOLL COPPELIA WAS MADE.


YES... I AM YOUR MAKER.
THE CREATOR OF THE COPPELION.


Dr. Coppelius...
FLIP
Coppelia
You created us...?!
Heh... so what if you did!
That doesn't mean we're yours to control!
I've heard enough! Now tell me what you're planning!

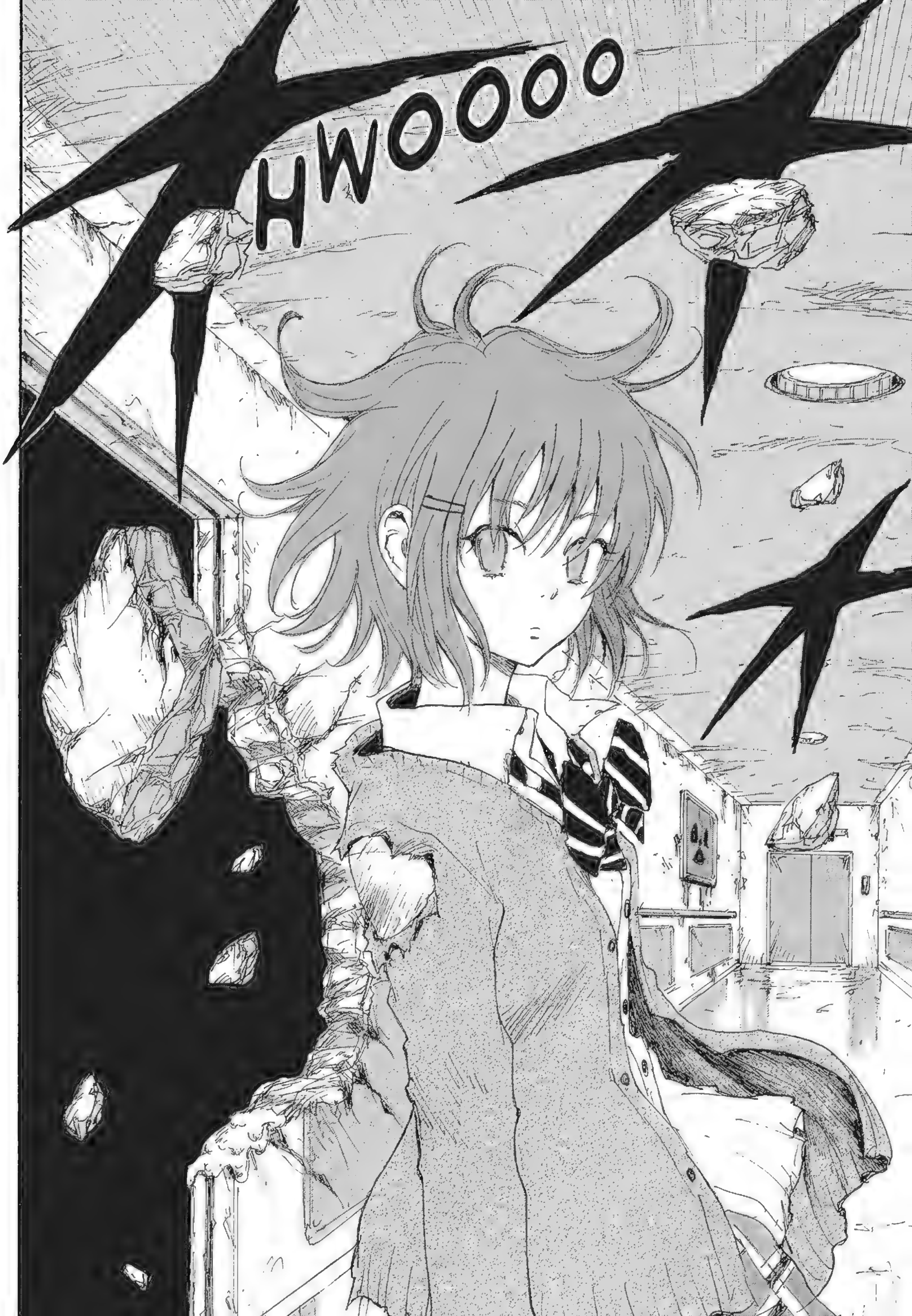

AH, YES... MY GRAND PLAN!
FVVT
WHICH SPECIMEN WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL...?
YAWN
EVEN WITH MY GENIUS, I HADN'T THE FAINTEST IDEA.
UNPREDICTABILITY HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PART OF SCIENCE.
BUT WHO WOULD HAVE GUESSED...
...THAT A *DUNCE* CREATED MERELY AS AN EXTRA...
...WOULD SHOW SIGNS OF BEING THIS EXPERIMENT'S COMPLETED FORM?
A...
A dunce? Wait—
KRASH
?!

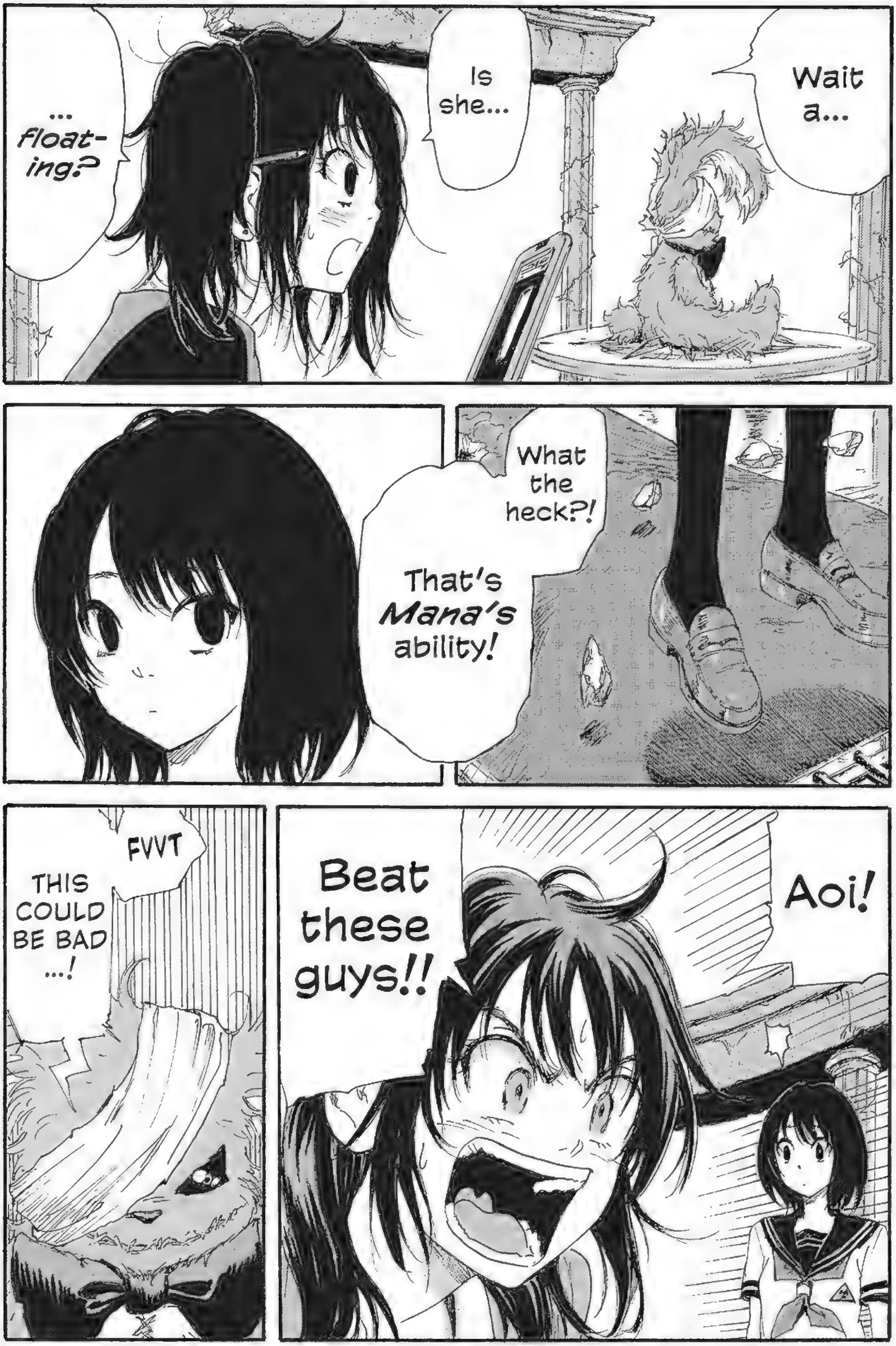

FVVT
OHO...!
VRR
HAS THE TIME COME, THEN?
HWOOO
AOI FUKA-SAKU—
P-13 END

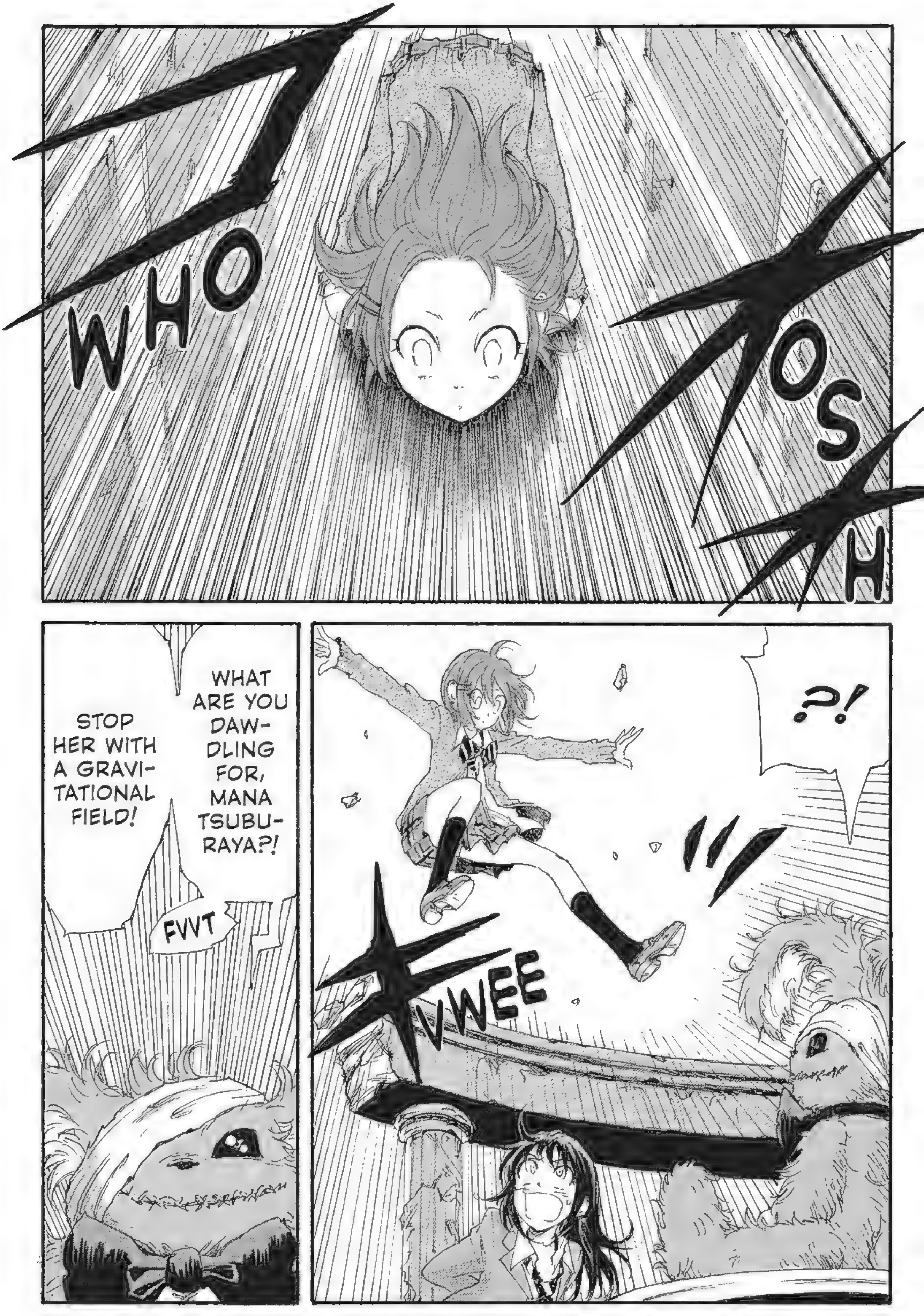


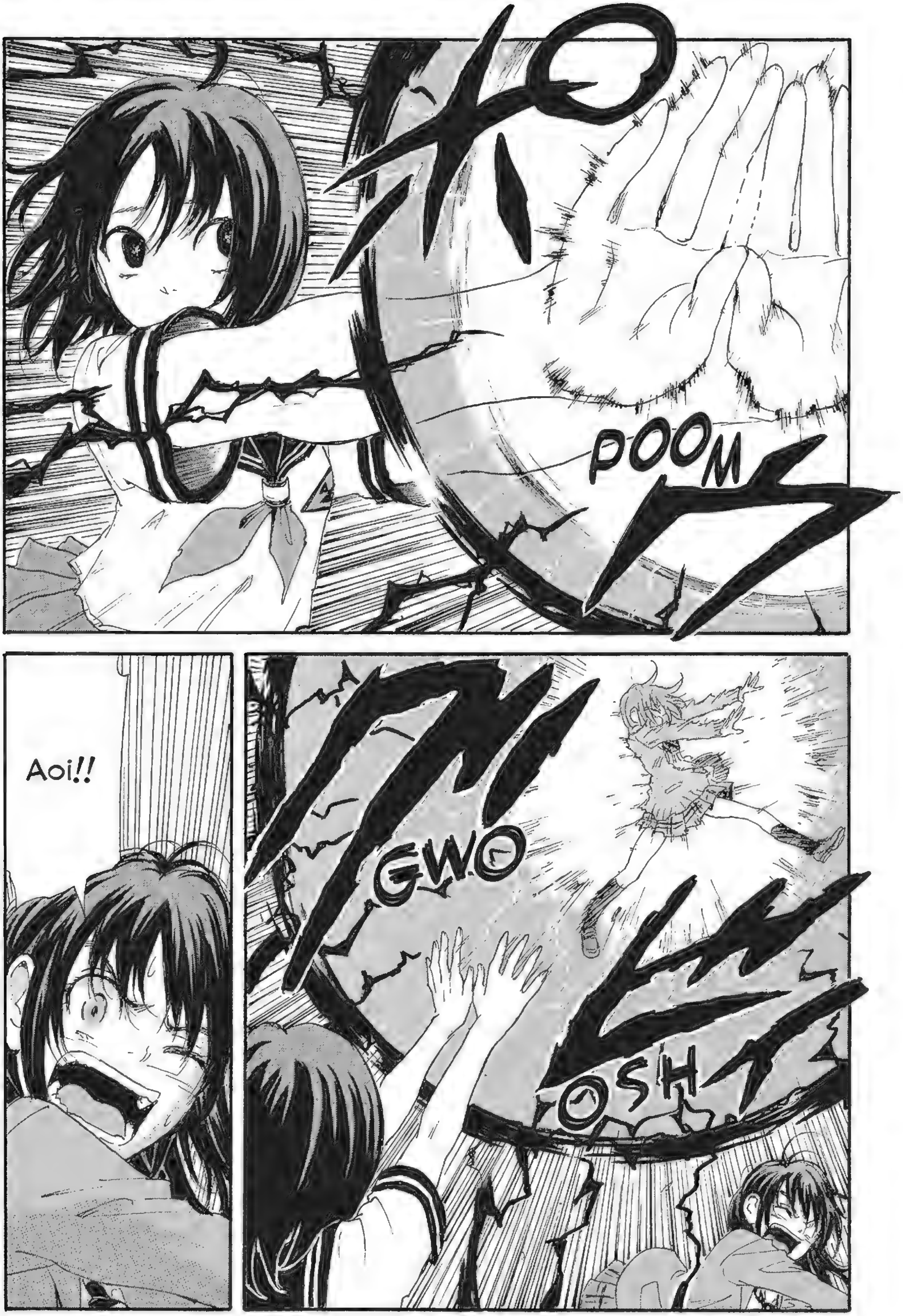
Phase.14 [Wandering Sand]

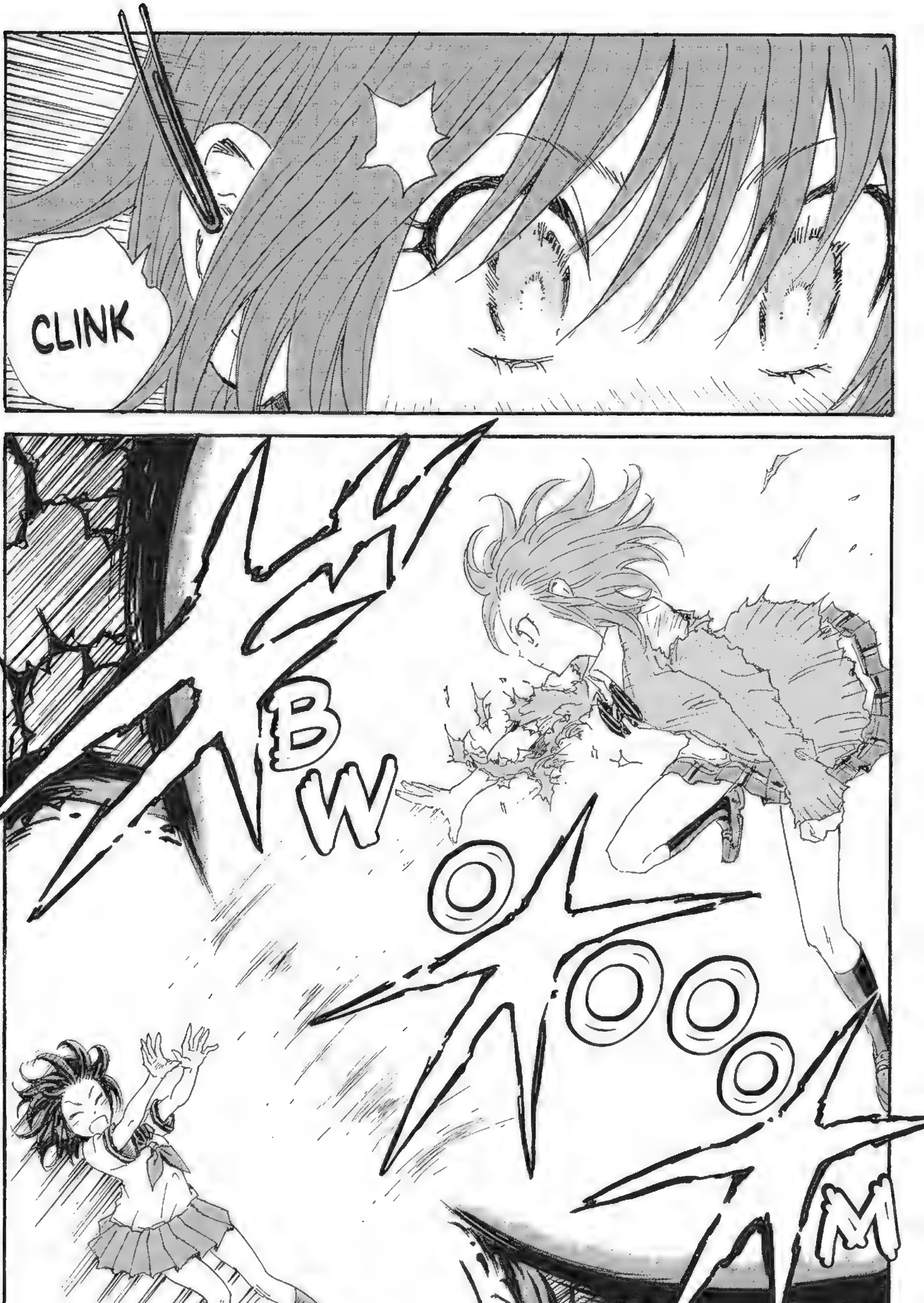
HWOOO
OHO ...?!
AOI FUKASAKU...
HAVE YOU FINALLY AWAKENED ?!
FVVT

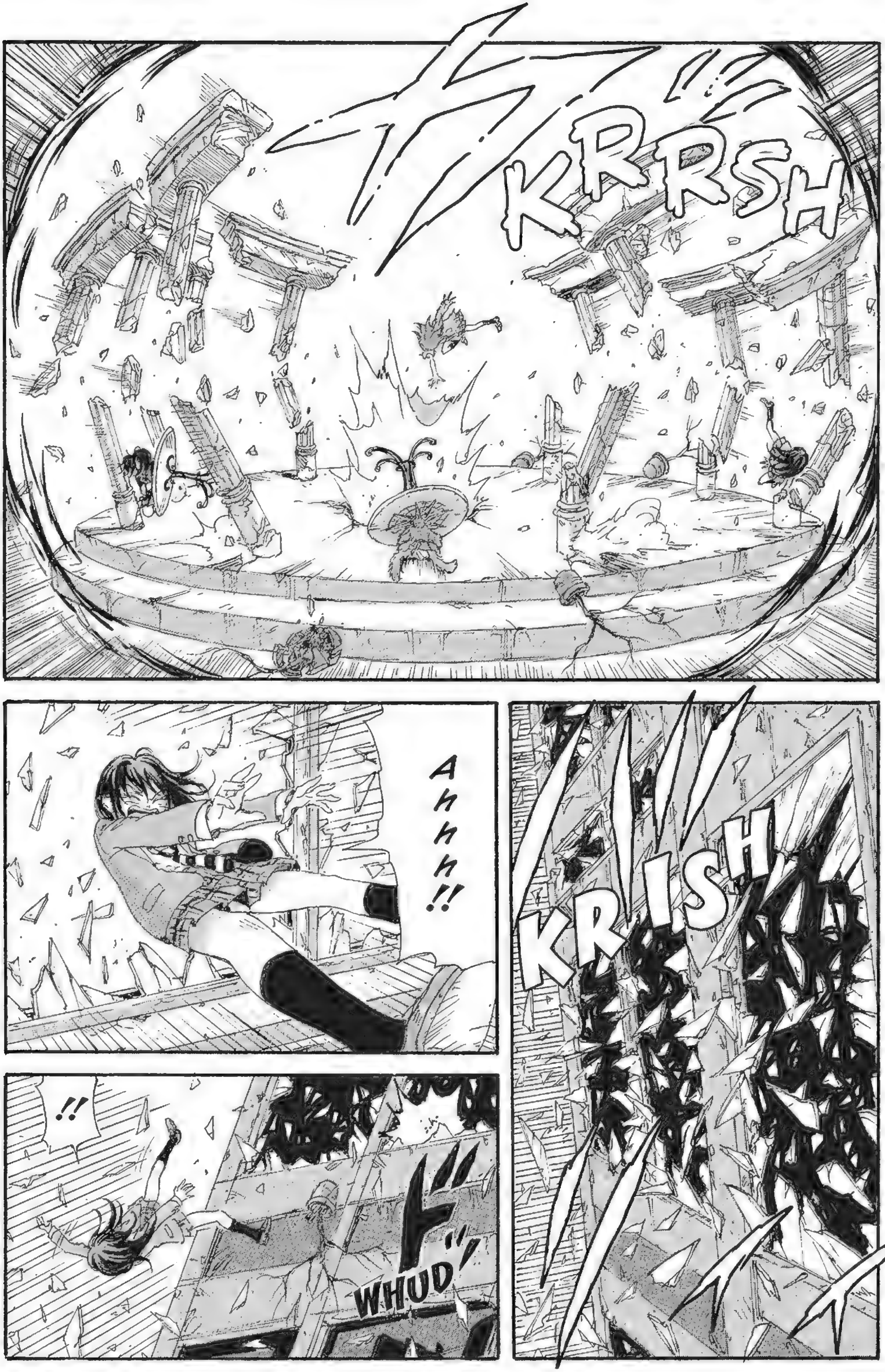

HWOOOO

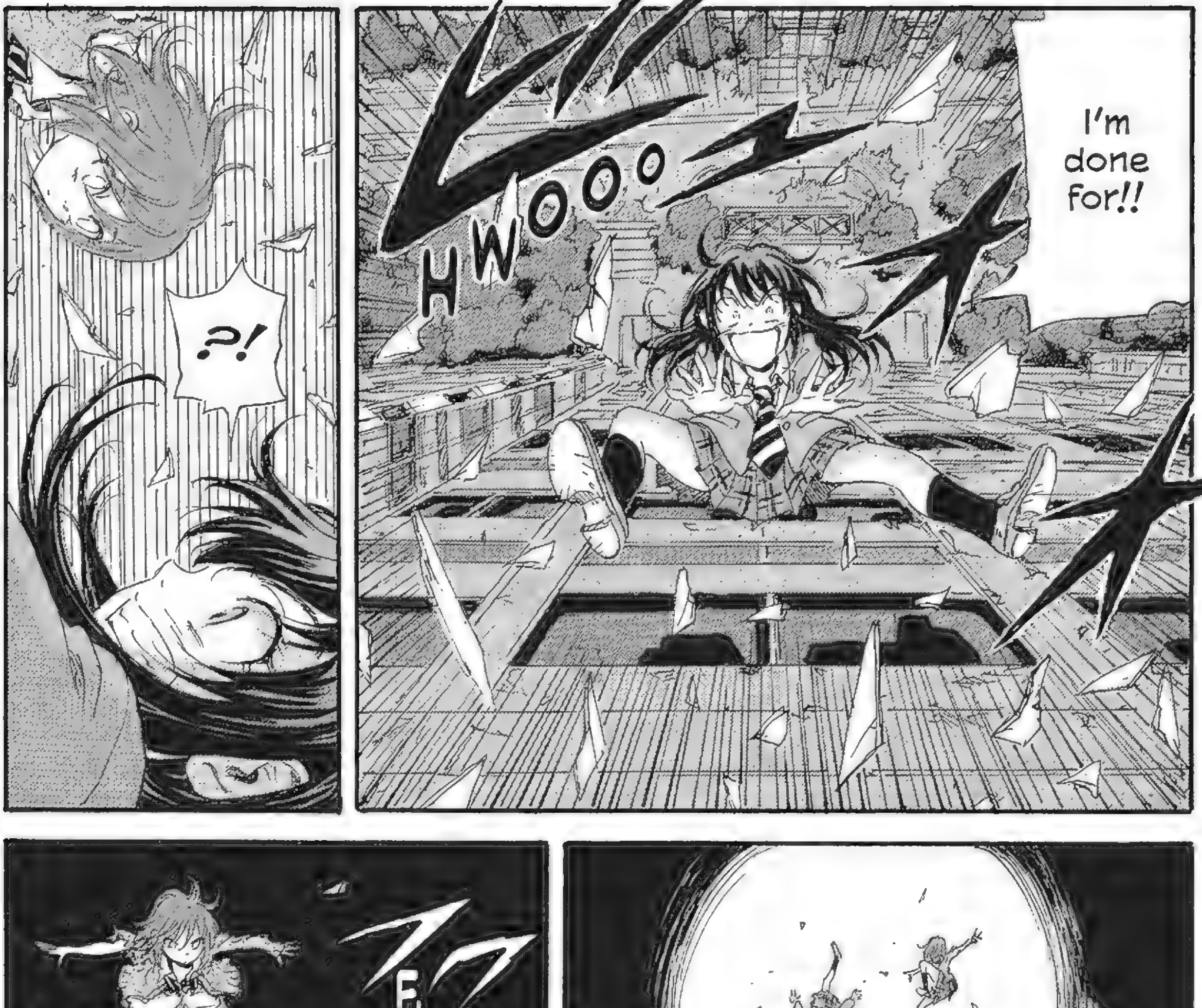

Wait a...
Is she...
...floating?
What the heck?!
That's *Mana's* ability!
Aoi!
Beat these guys!!
FVVT
THIS COULD BE BAD ...!

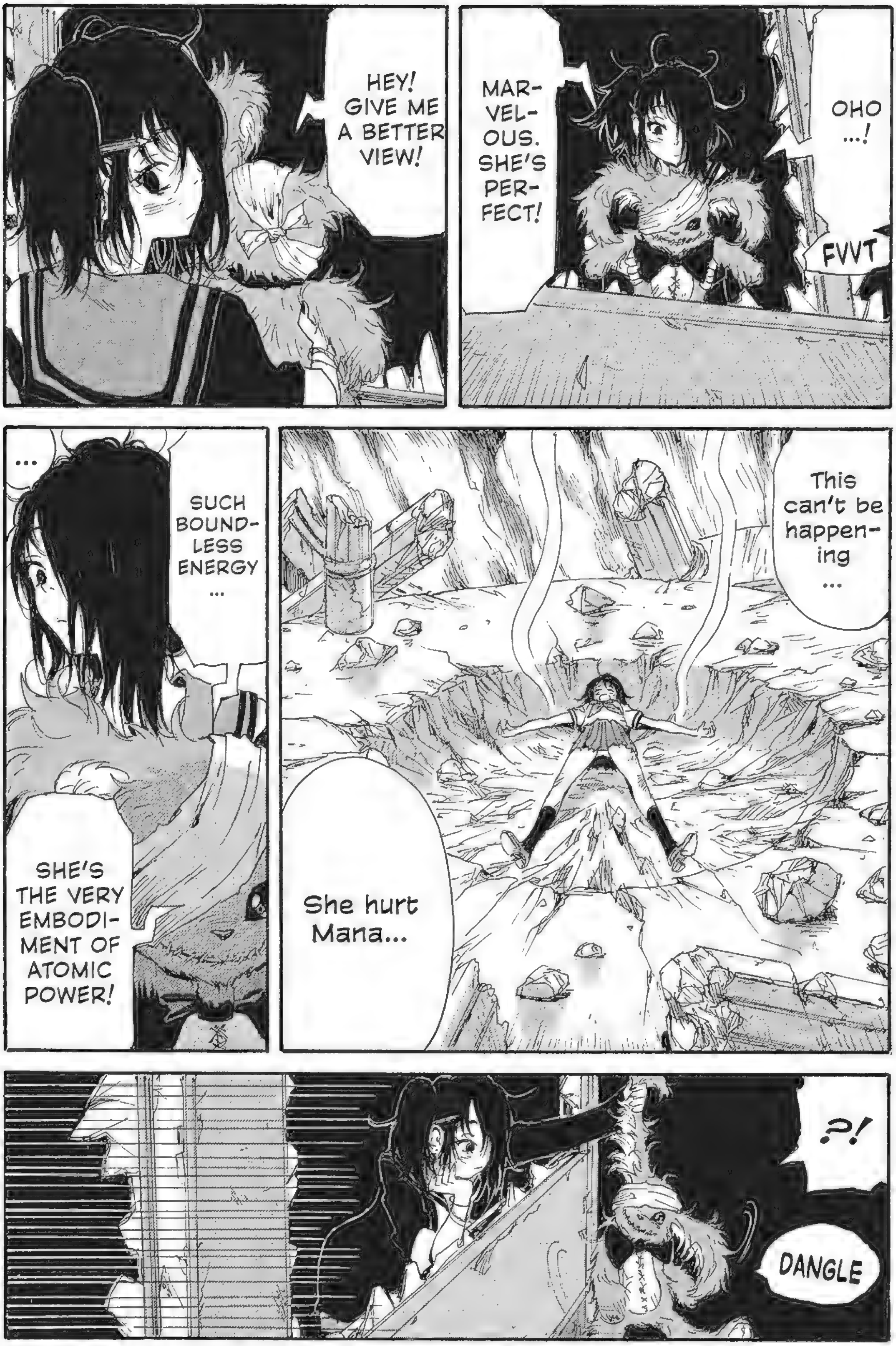

WHOOSH
?!
VWEE
WHAT ARE YOU DAWDLING FOR, MANA TSUBURAYA?!
STOP HER WITH A GRAVITATIONAL FIELD!
FVVT

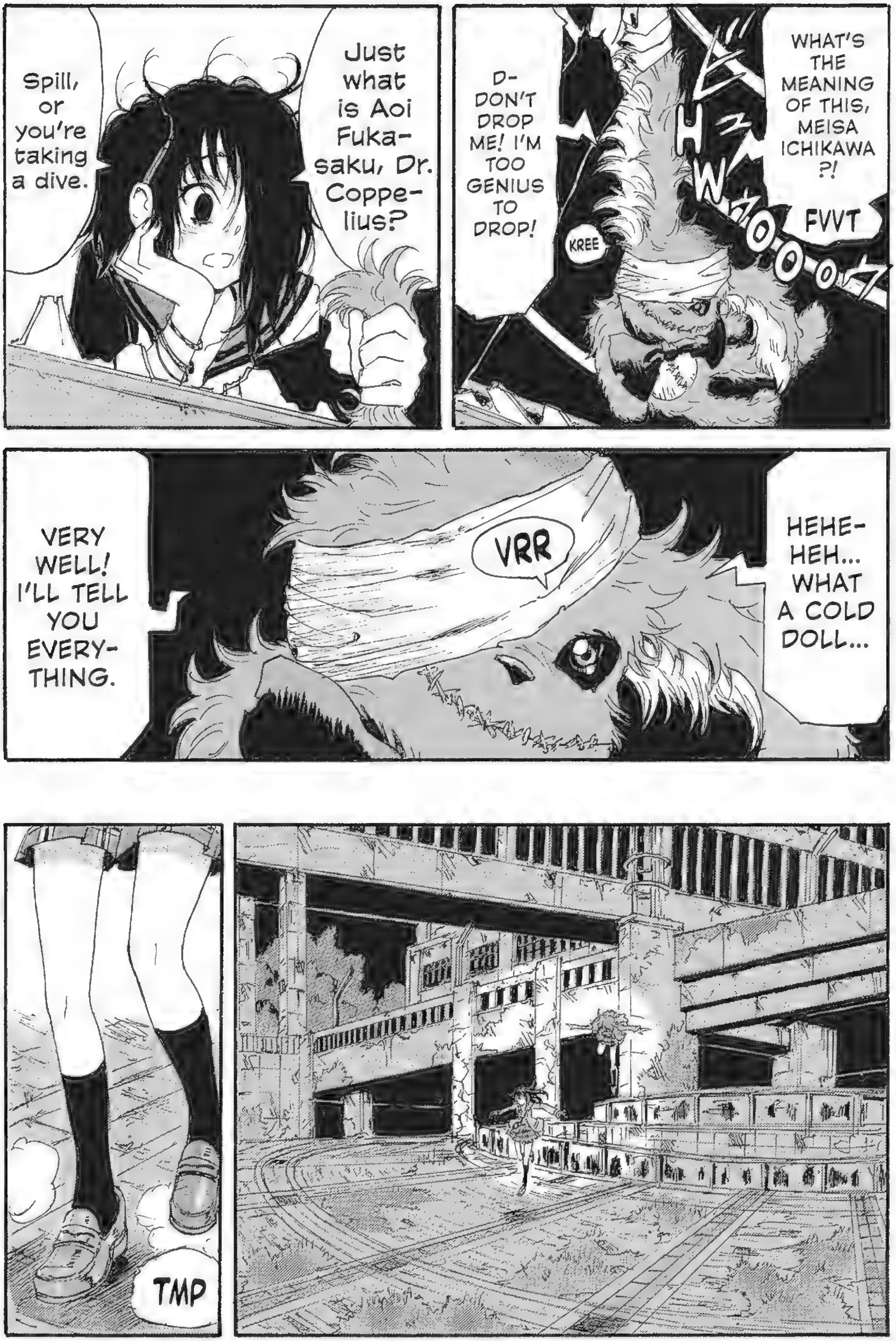

POOM
GWO
OSH
Aoi!!

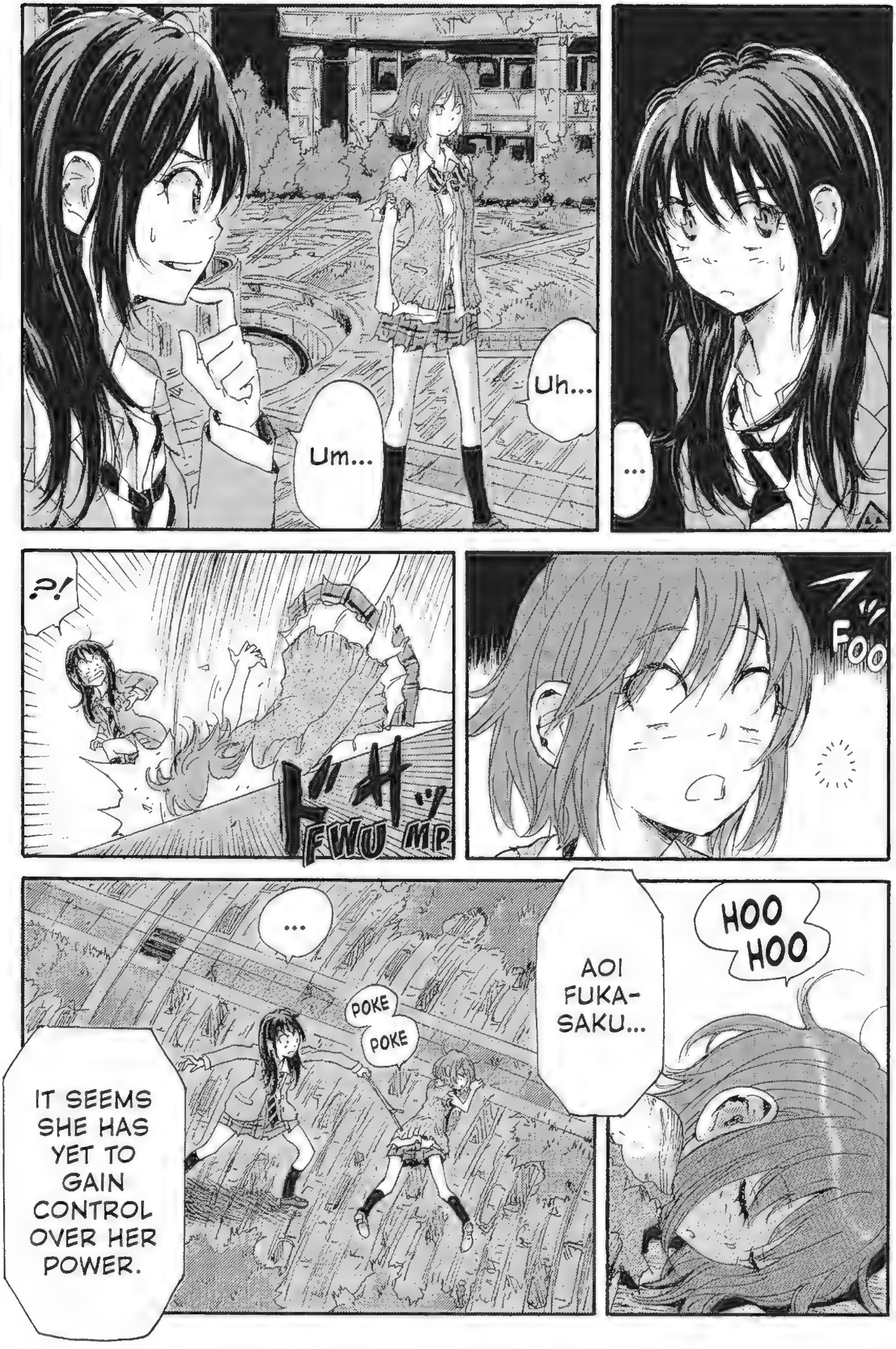

CLINK
BWOOOOOM

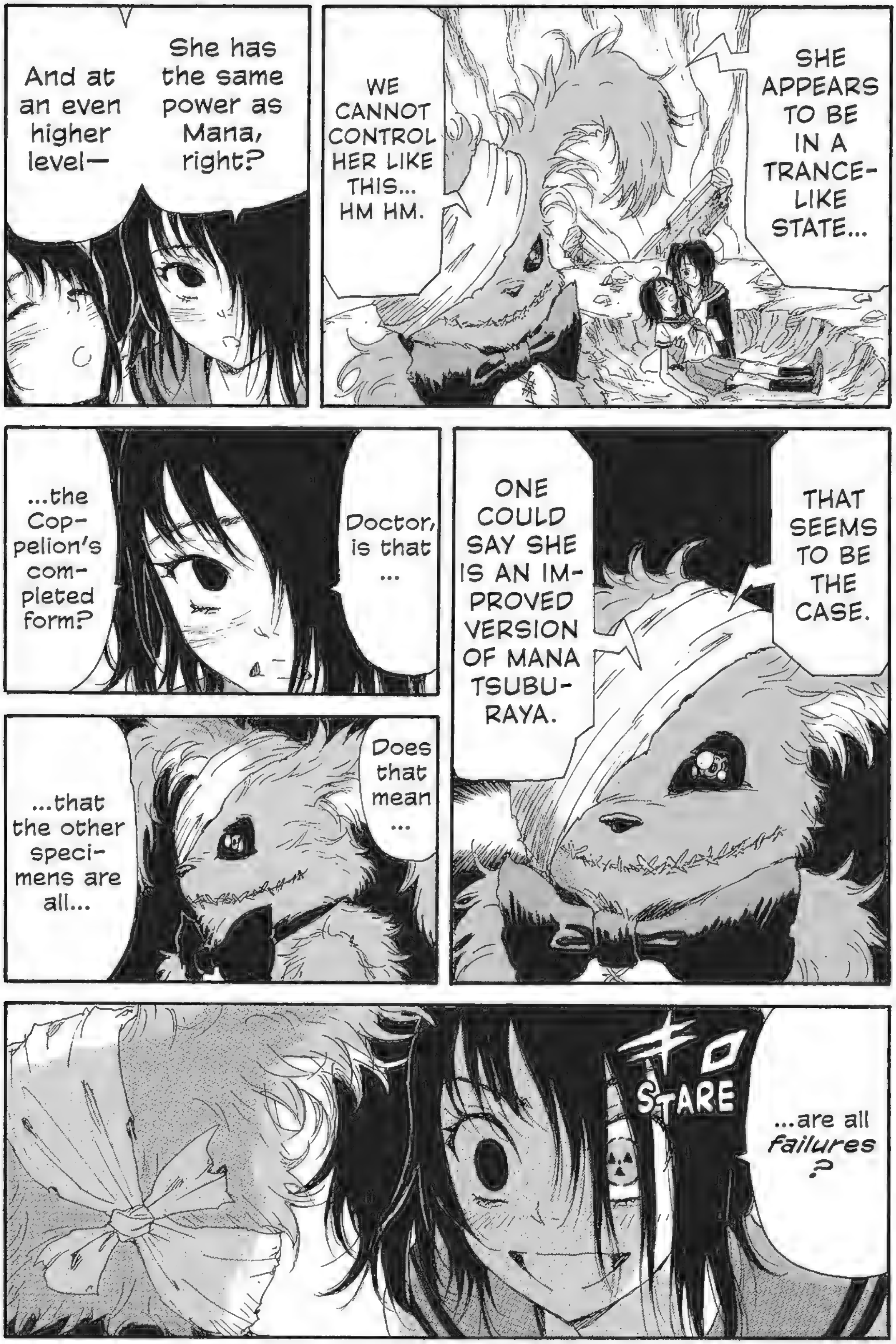

KRRSH
KRISH
Ahhhh!!
!!
ド
WHUD

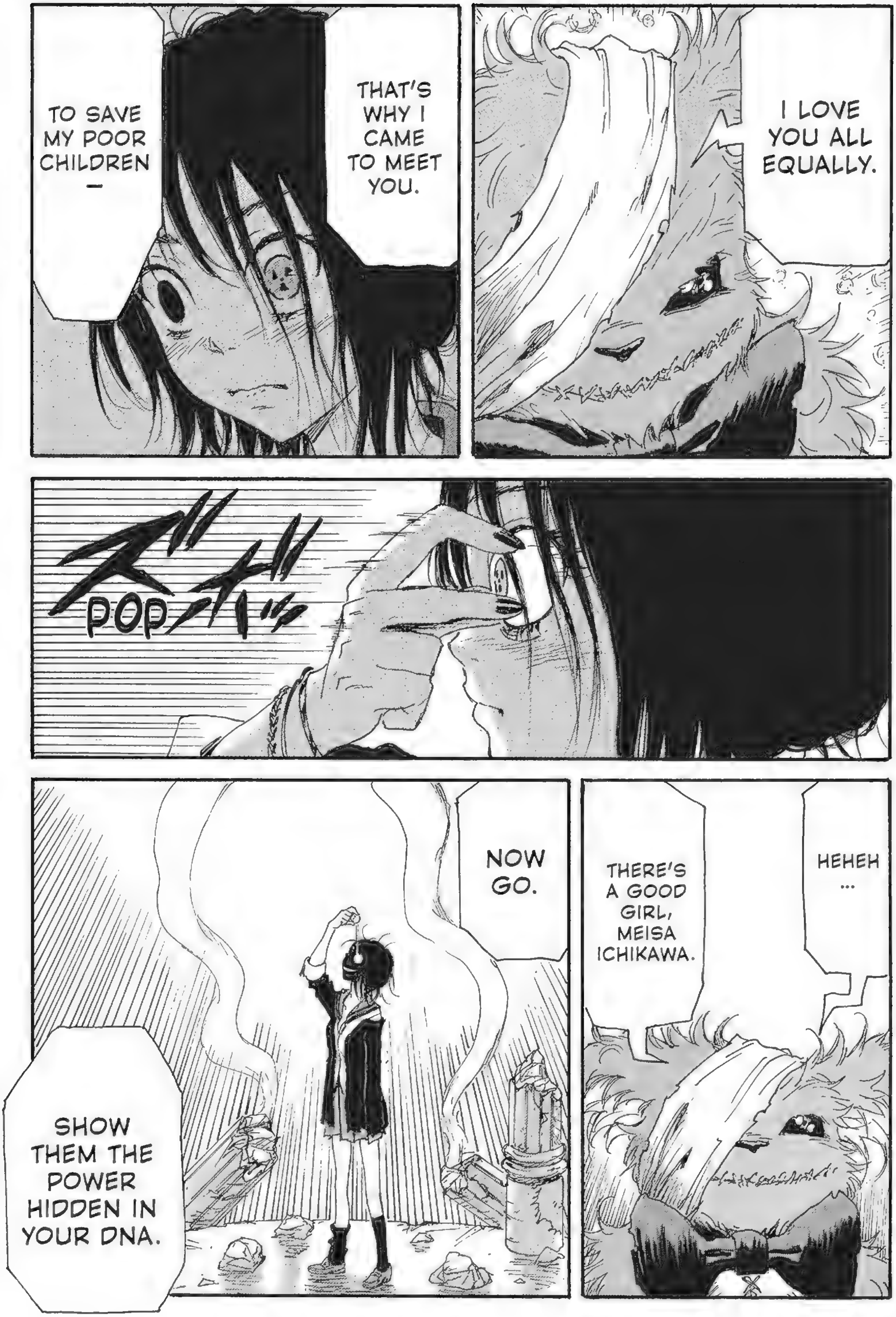

I'm done for!!
HWOOO
?!
POOMF
FLOAT
FLOAT

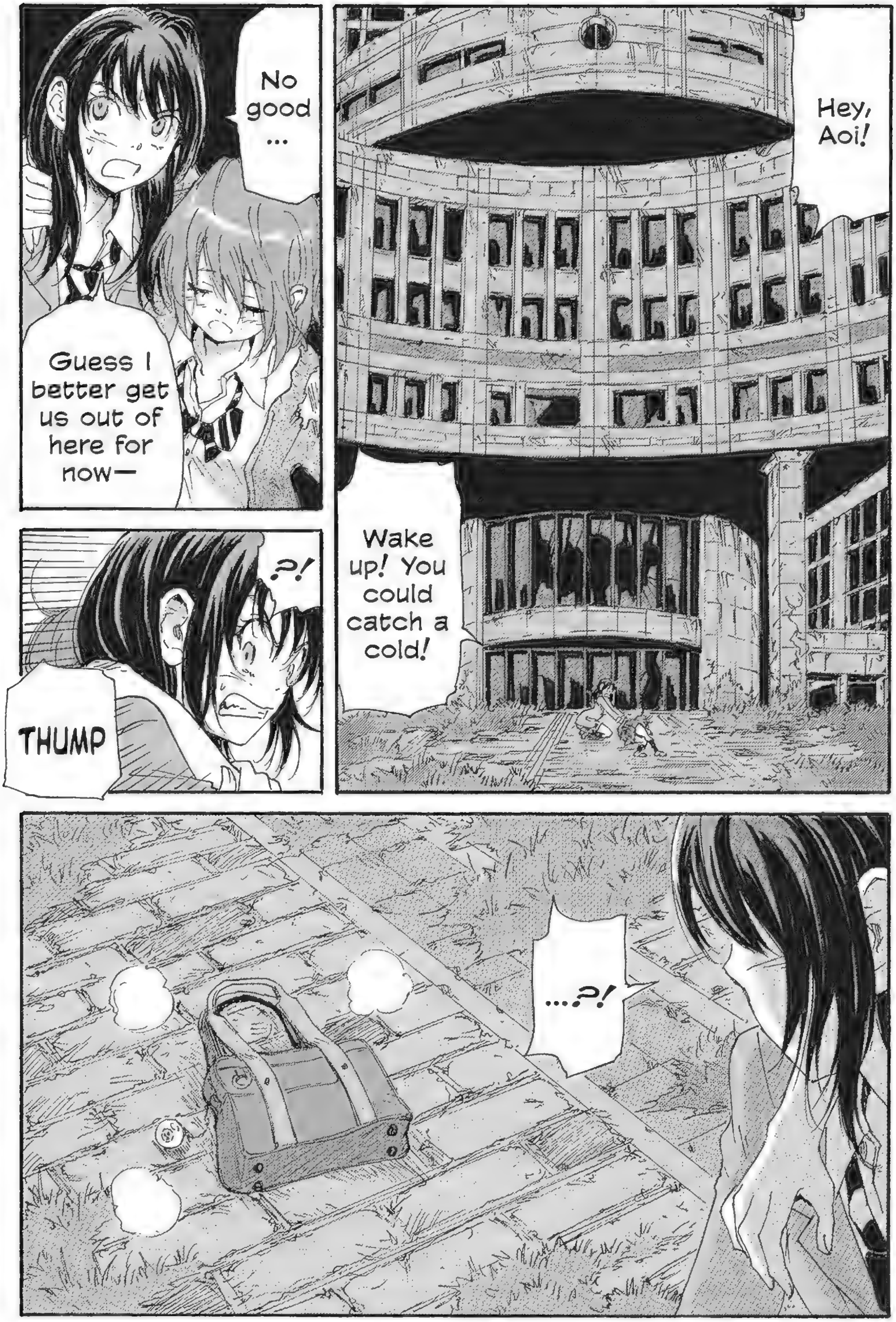

HEY! GIVE ME A BETTER VIEW!
OHO ...!
MARVELOUS. SHE'S PERFECT!
FVVT
...
SUCH BOUNDLESS ENERGY ...
SHE'S THE VERY EMBODIMENT OF ATOMIC POWER!
This can't be happening ...
She hurt Mana...
?!
DANGLE

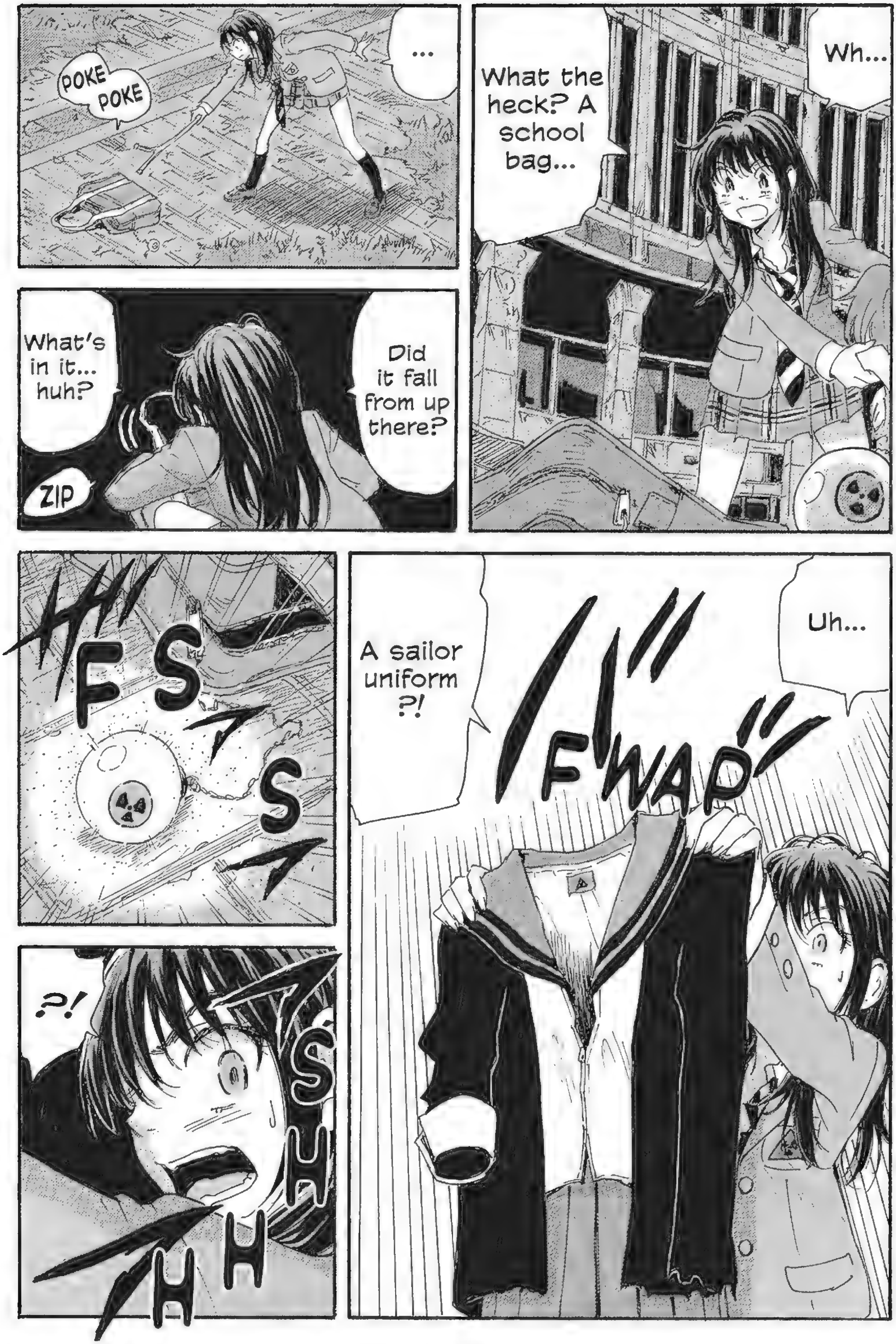

WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS, MEISA ICHIKAWA?!
HWWOOOO
FVVT
D-DON'T DROP ME! I'M TOO GENIUS TO DROP!
KREE
Just what is Aoi Fukasaku, Dr. Coppelius?
Spill, or you're taking a dive.
HEHEHEH... WHAT A COLD DOLL...
VRR
VERY WELL! I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING.
TMP

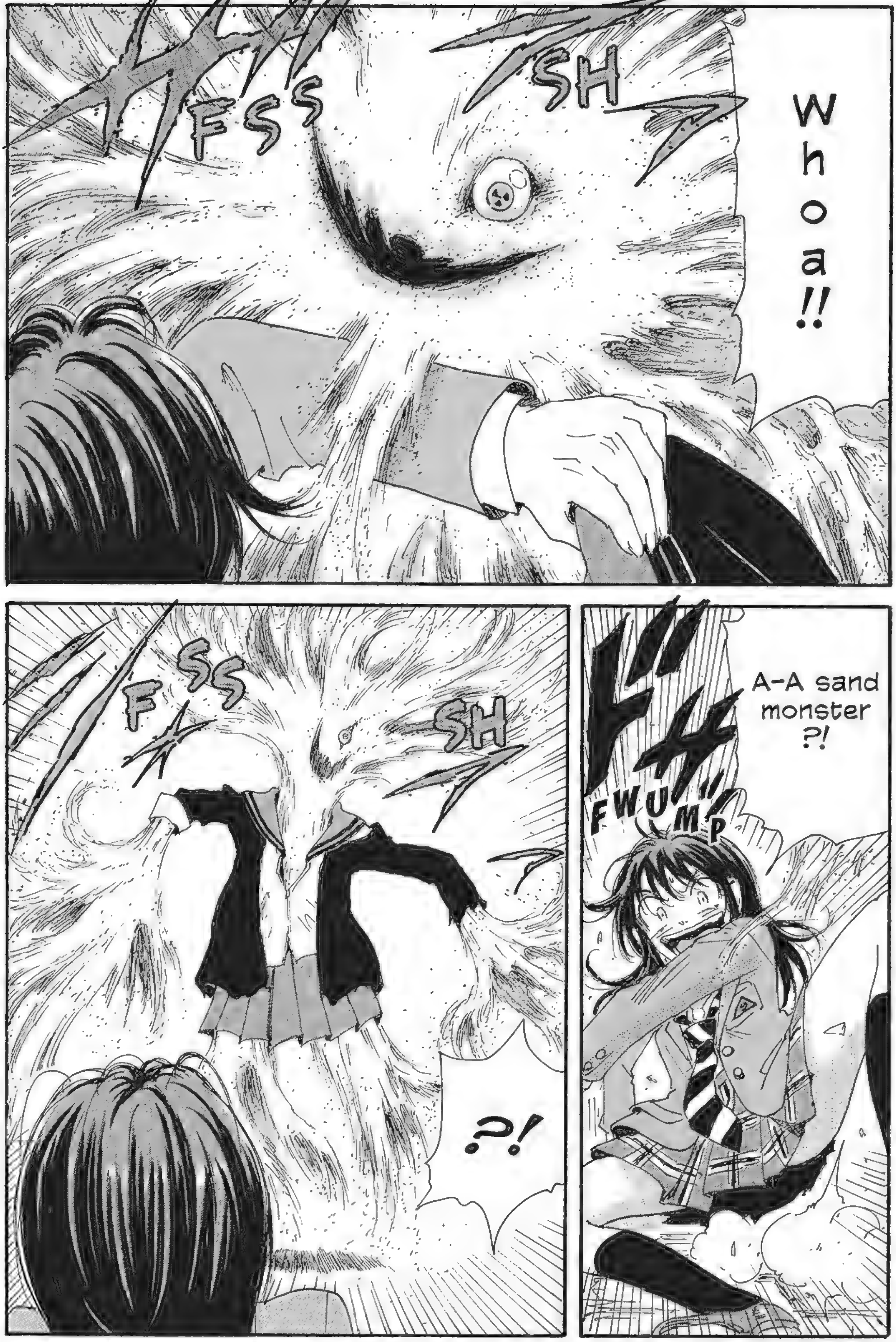

Um...
Uh...
...
?!
ドサッ
FWUMP
フッ
FOO
...
POKE
POKE
IT SEEMS SHE HAS YET TO GAIN CONTROL OVER HER POWER.
AOI FUKA-SAKU...
HOO HOO

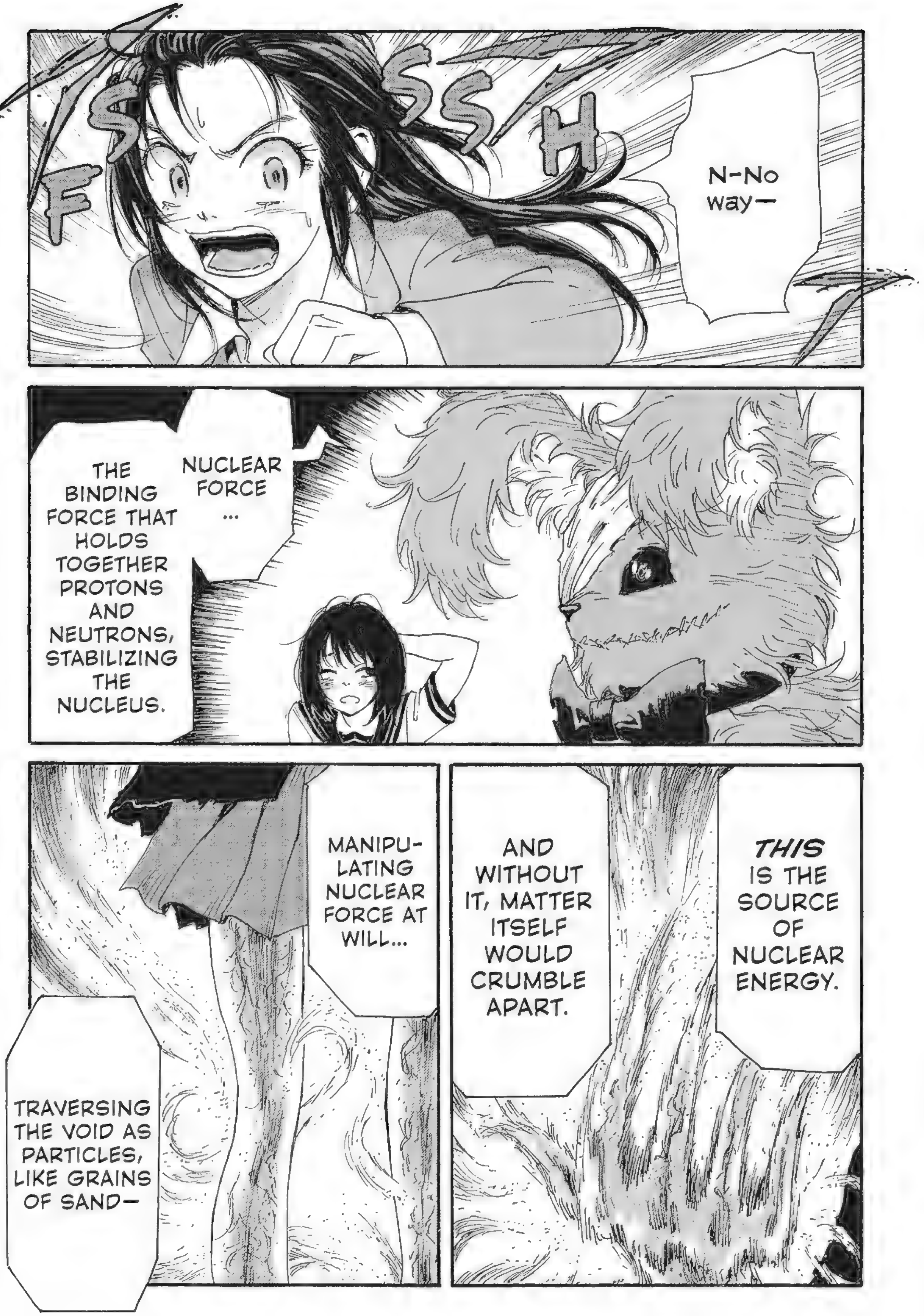

SHE APPEARS TO BE IN A TRANCE-LIKE STATE...
WE CANNOT CONTROL HER LIKE THIS... HM HM.
She has the same power as Mana, right?
And at an even higher level—
Doctor, is that...
...the Coppelion's completed form?
THAT SEEMS TO BE THE CASE.
ONE COULD SAY SHE IS AN IMPROVED VERSION OF MANA TSUBURAYA.
Does that mean...
...that the other specimens are all...
ギロ
STARE
...are all *failures*?

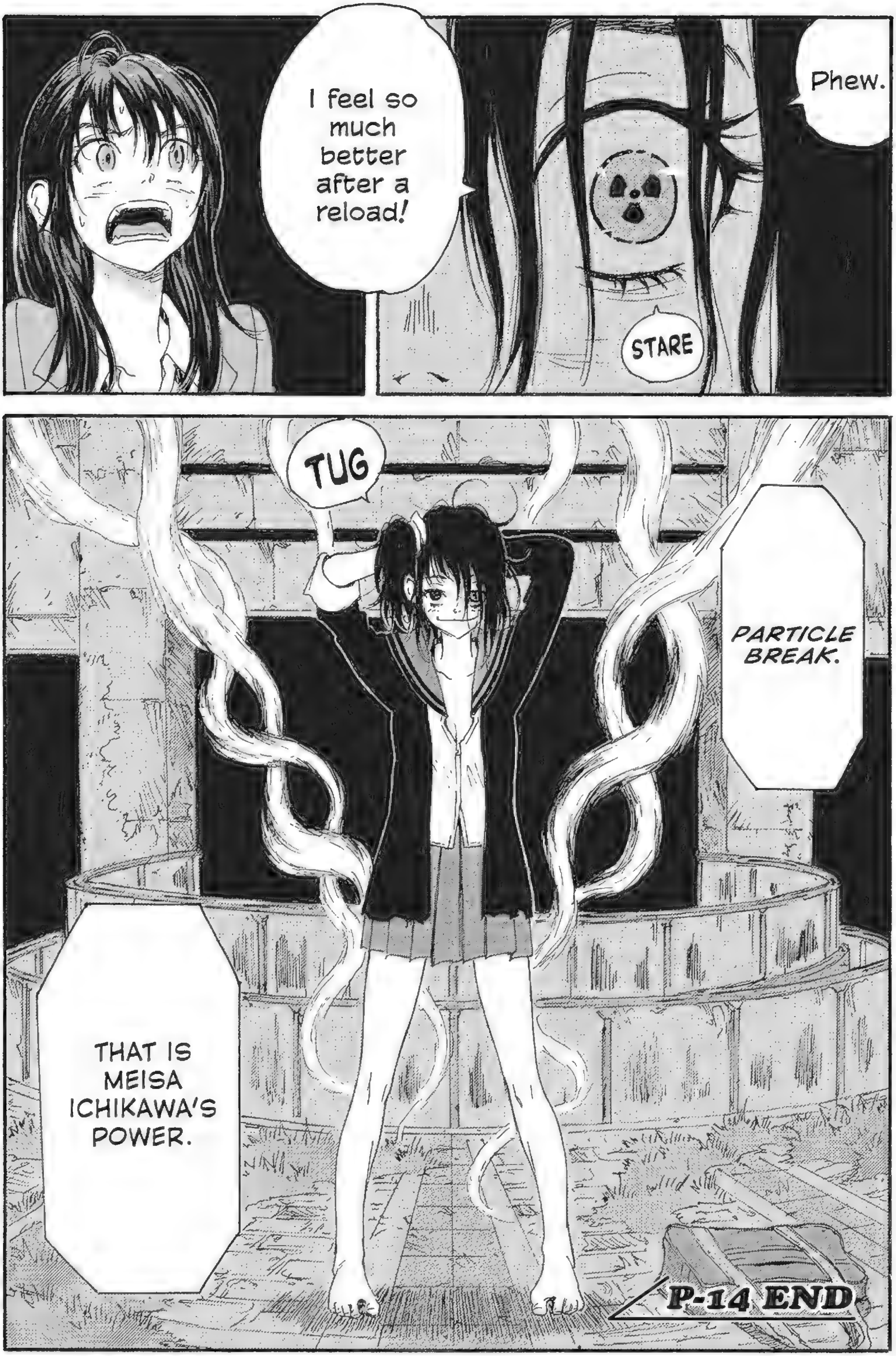

I LOVE YOU ALL EQUALLY.
THAT'S WHY I CAME TO MEET YOU.
TO SAVE MY POOR CHILDREN —
POP
HEHEH ...
THERE'S A GOOD GIRL, MEISA ICHIKAWA.
NOW GO.
SHOW THEM THE POWER HIDDEN IN YOUR DNA.


Hey, Aoi!
Wake up! You could catch a cold!
No good ...
Guess I better get us out of here for now—
?!
THUMP
...?!

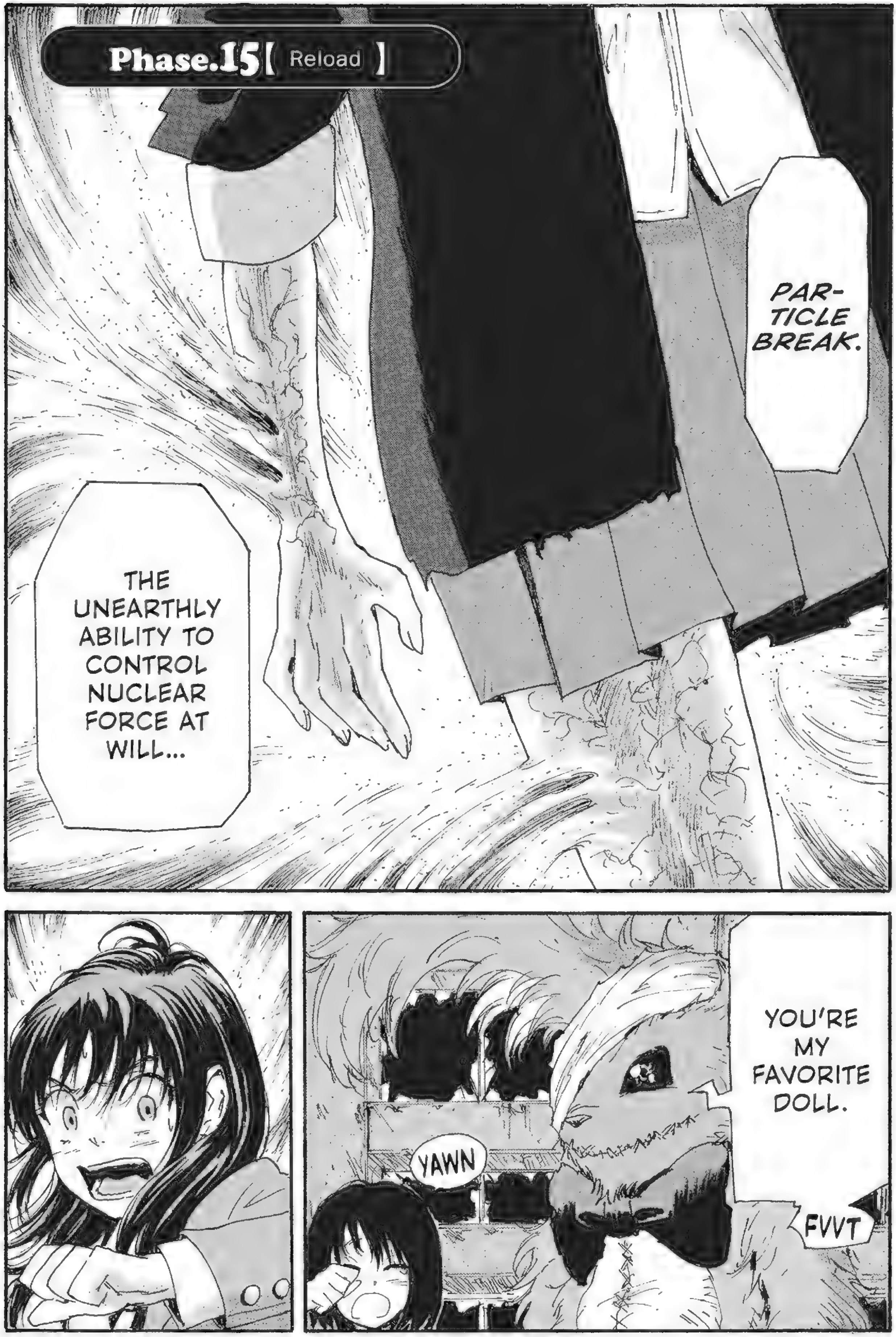

Wh...
What the heck? A school bag...
...
POKE
POKE
Did it fall from up there?
What's in it... huh?
ZIP
Uh...
A sailor uniform ?!
FWAP
FSSS
?!
SHHHHH

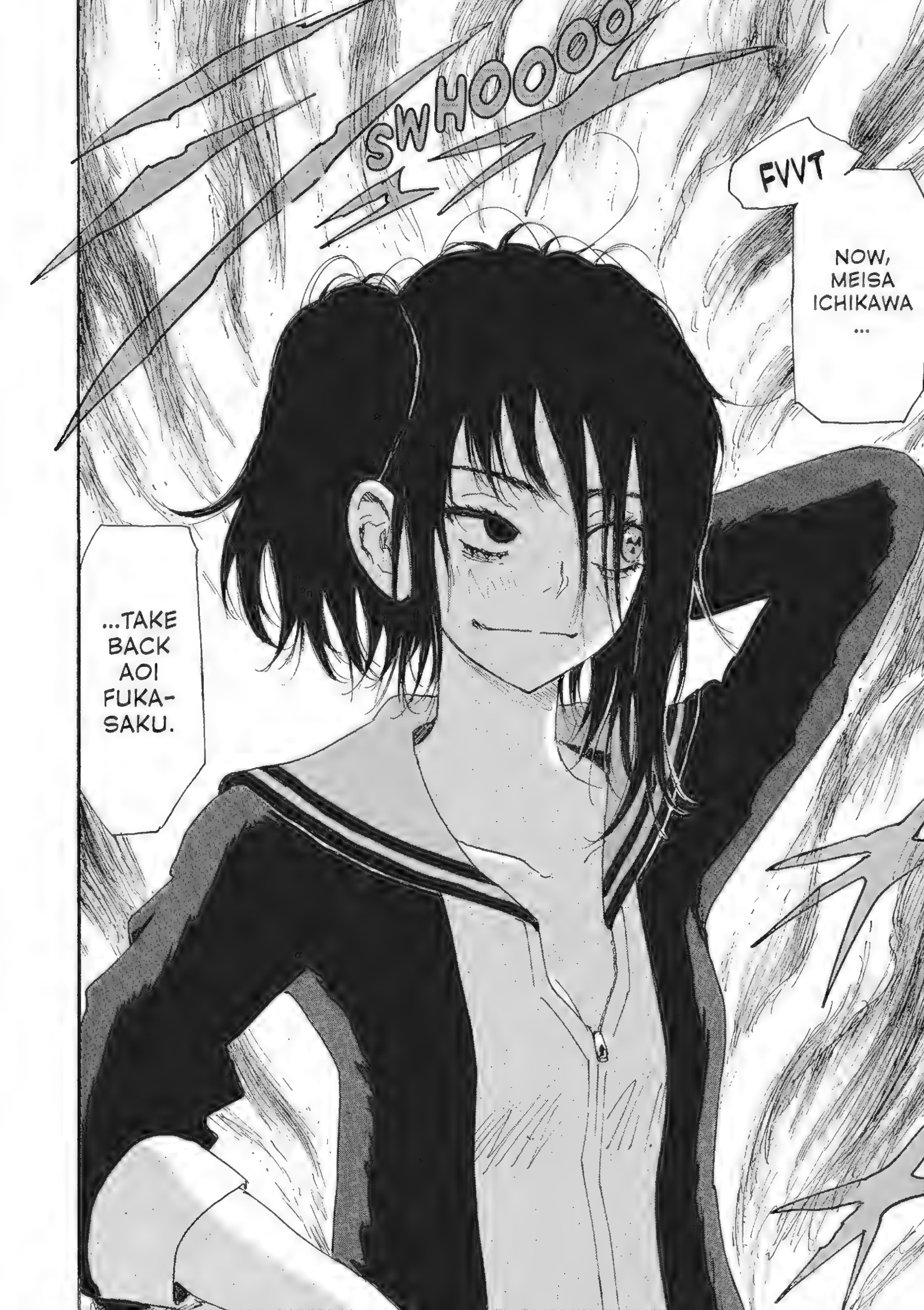

Whoa!!
FSSSH
A-A sand monster?!
FWUMP
FSSSH
?!

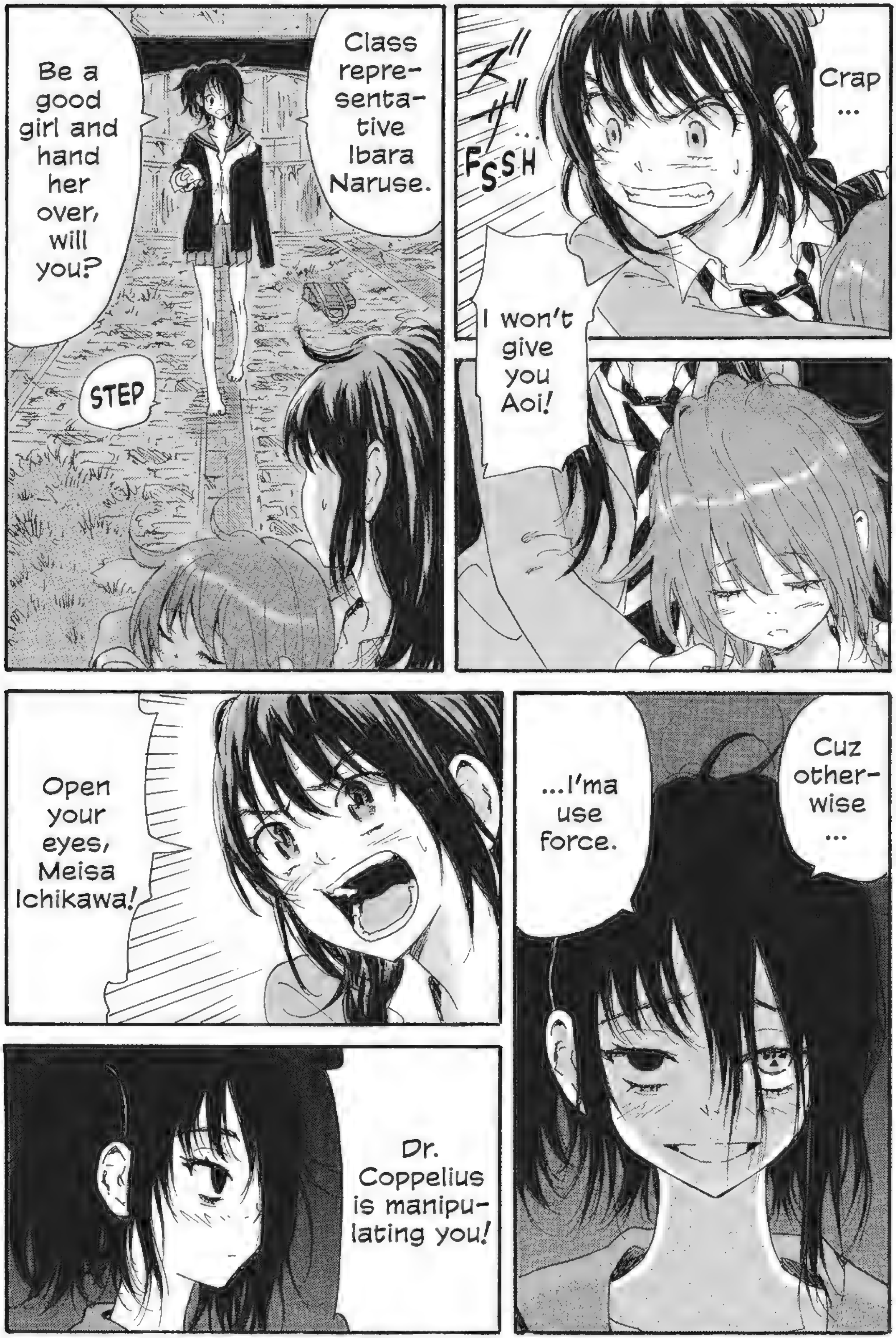

FSSSH
N-No way—
NUCLEAR FORCE ...
THE BINDING FORCE THAT HOLDS TOGETHER PROTONS AND NEUTRONS, STABILIZING THE NUCLEUS.
THIS IS THE SOURCE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY.
AND WITHOUT IT, MATTER ITSELF WOULD CRUMBLE APART.
MANIPULATING NUCLEAR FORCE AT WILL...
TRAVERSING THE VOID AS PARTICLES, LIKE GRAINS OF SAND—

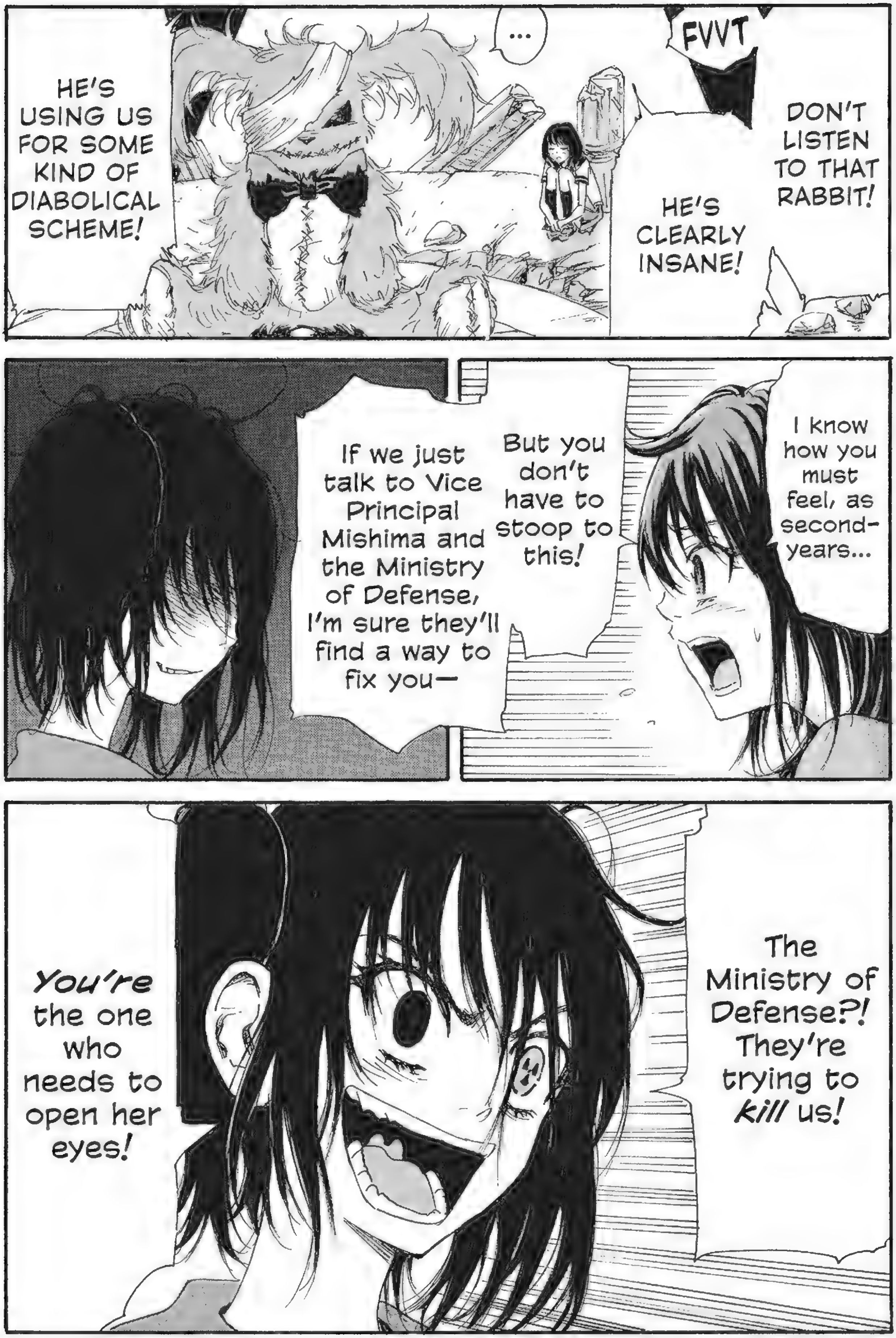

Phew.
I feel so much better after a reload!
STARE
PARTICLE BREAK.
TUG
THAT IS MEISA ICHIKAWA'S POWER.
P-14 END

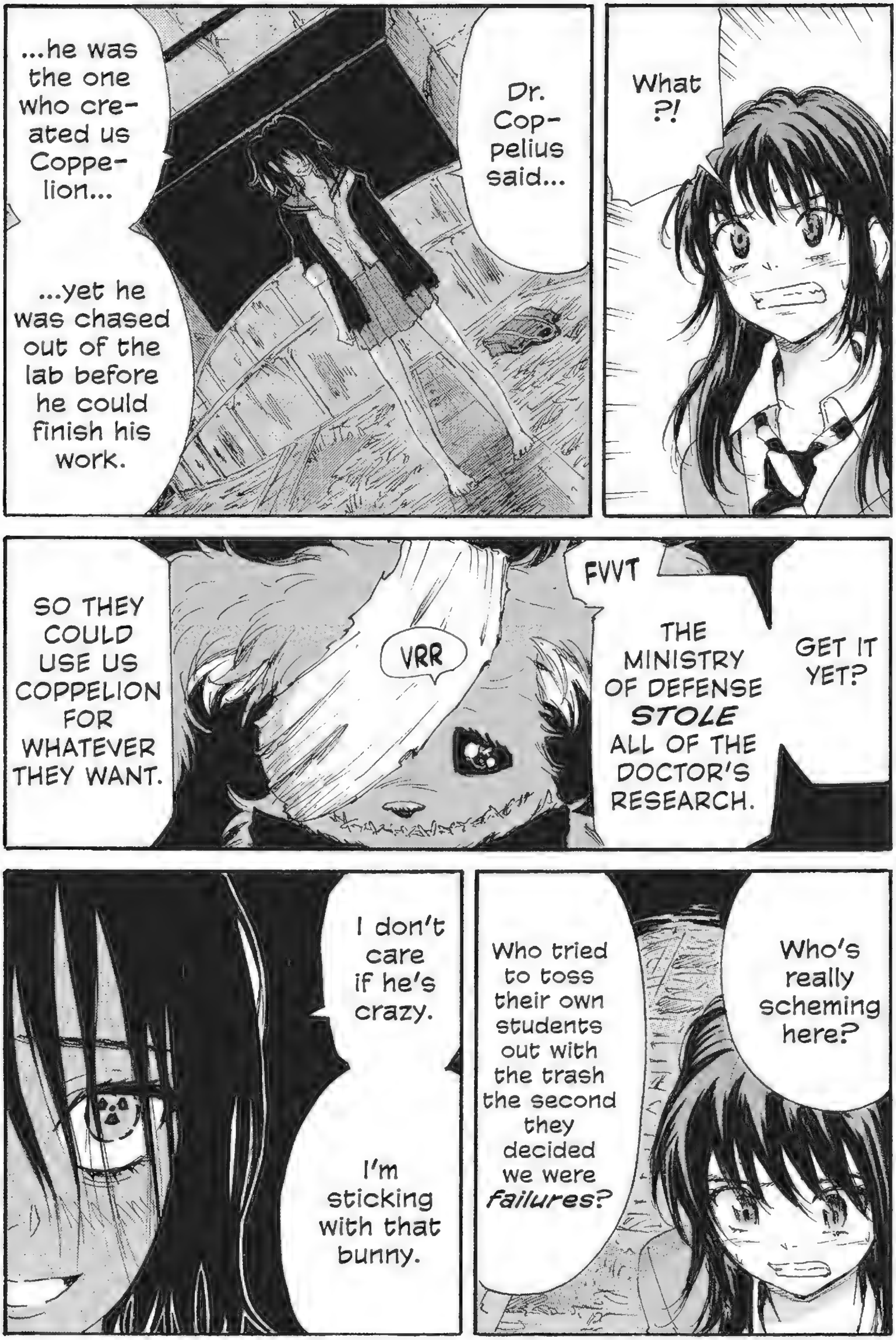
Phase.15【 Reload 】

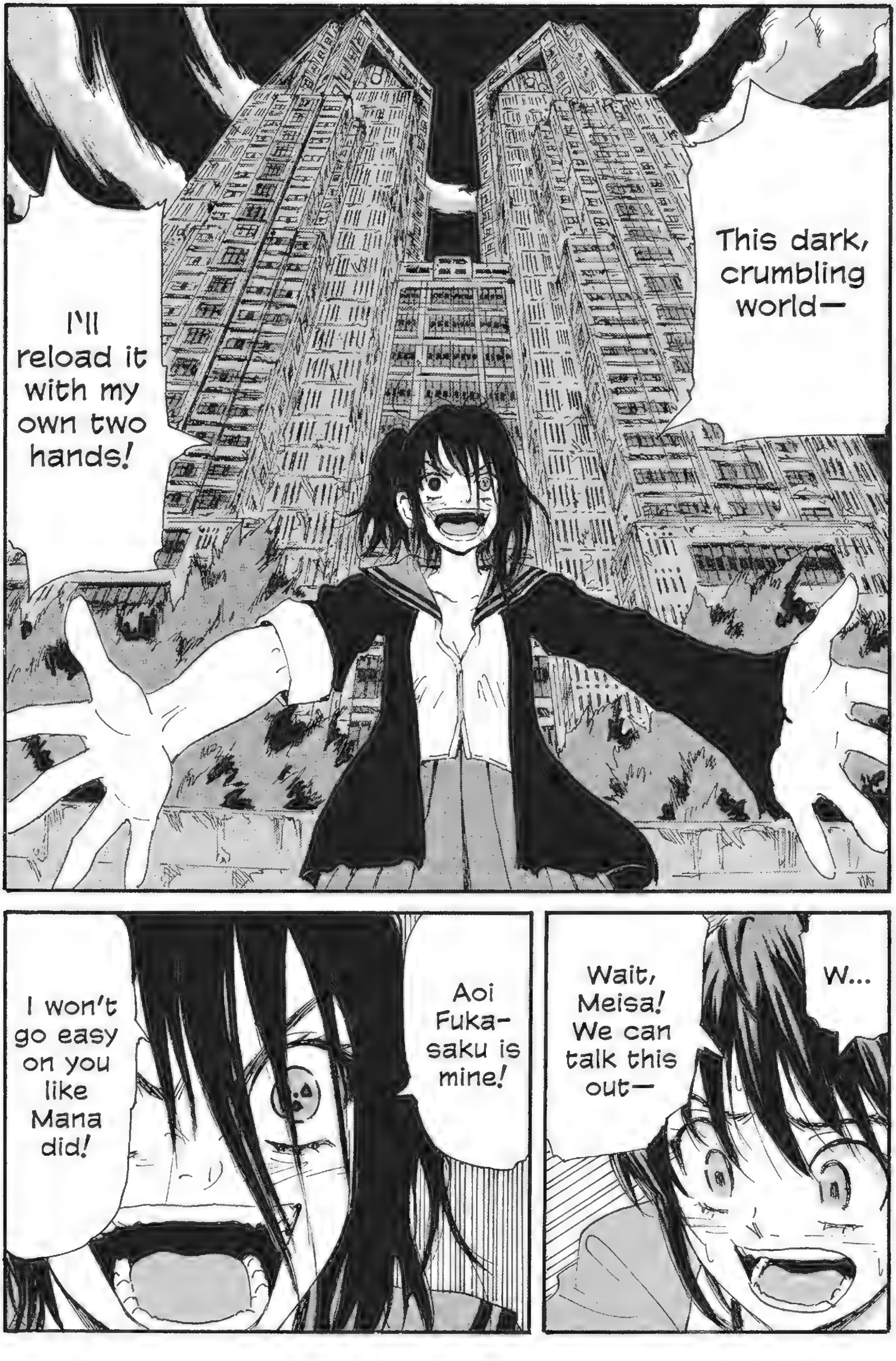

PARTICLE BREAK.
THE UNEARTHLY ABILITY TO CONTROL NUCLEAR FORCE AT WILL...
YOU'RE MY FAVORITE DOLL.
FVVT
YAWN

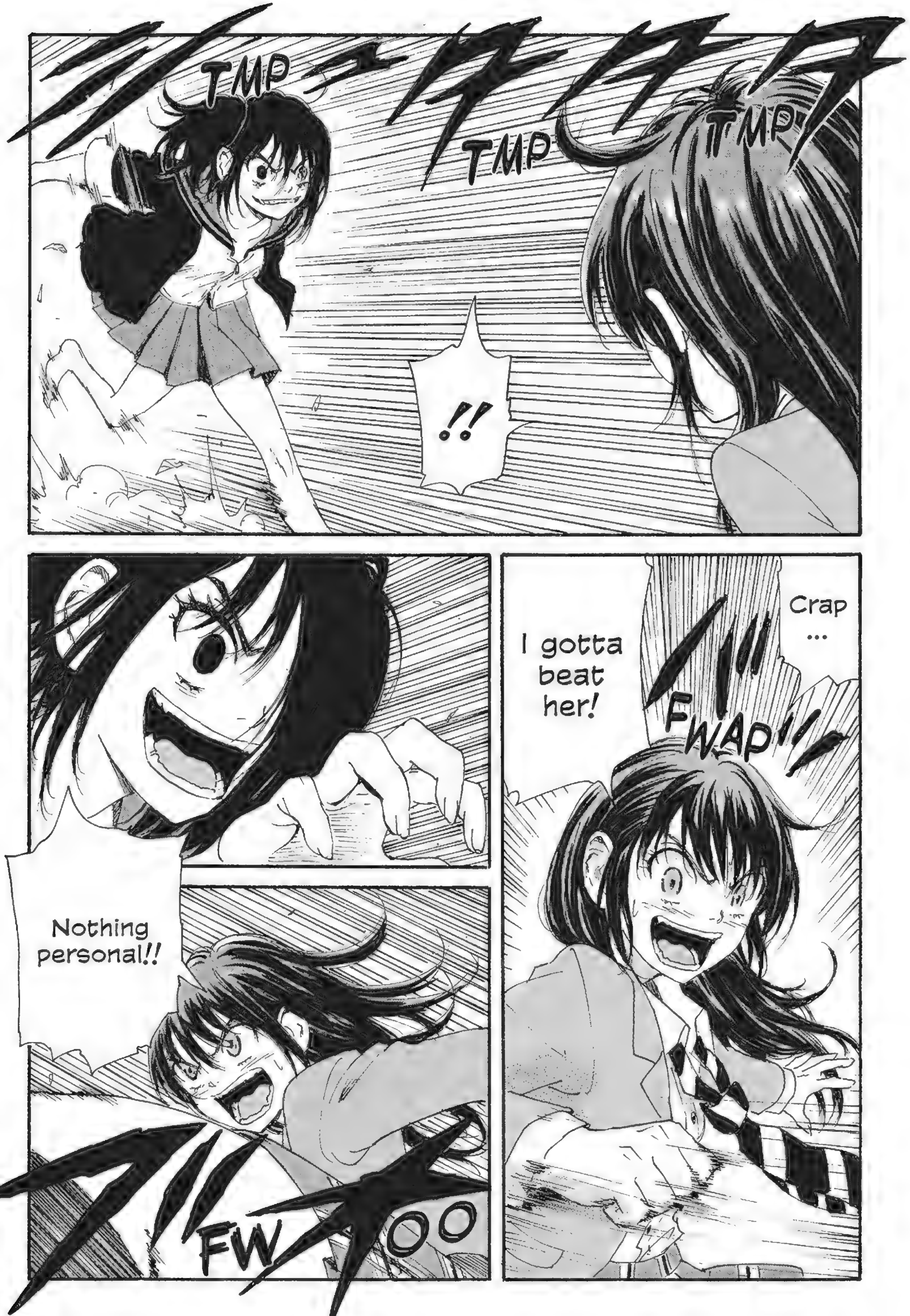

SWHOOOO
FVVT
NOW, MEISA ICHIKAWA...
...TAKE BACK AOI FUKASAKU.

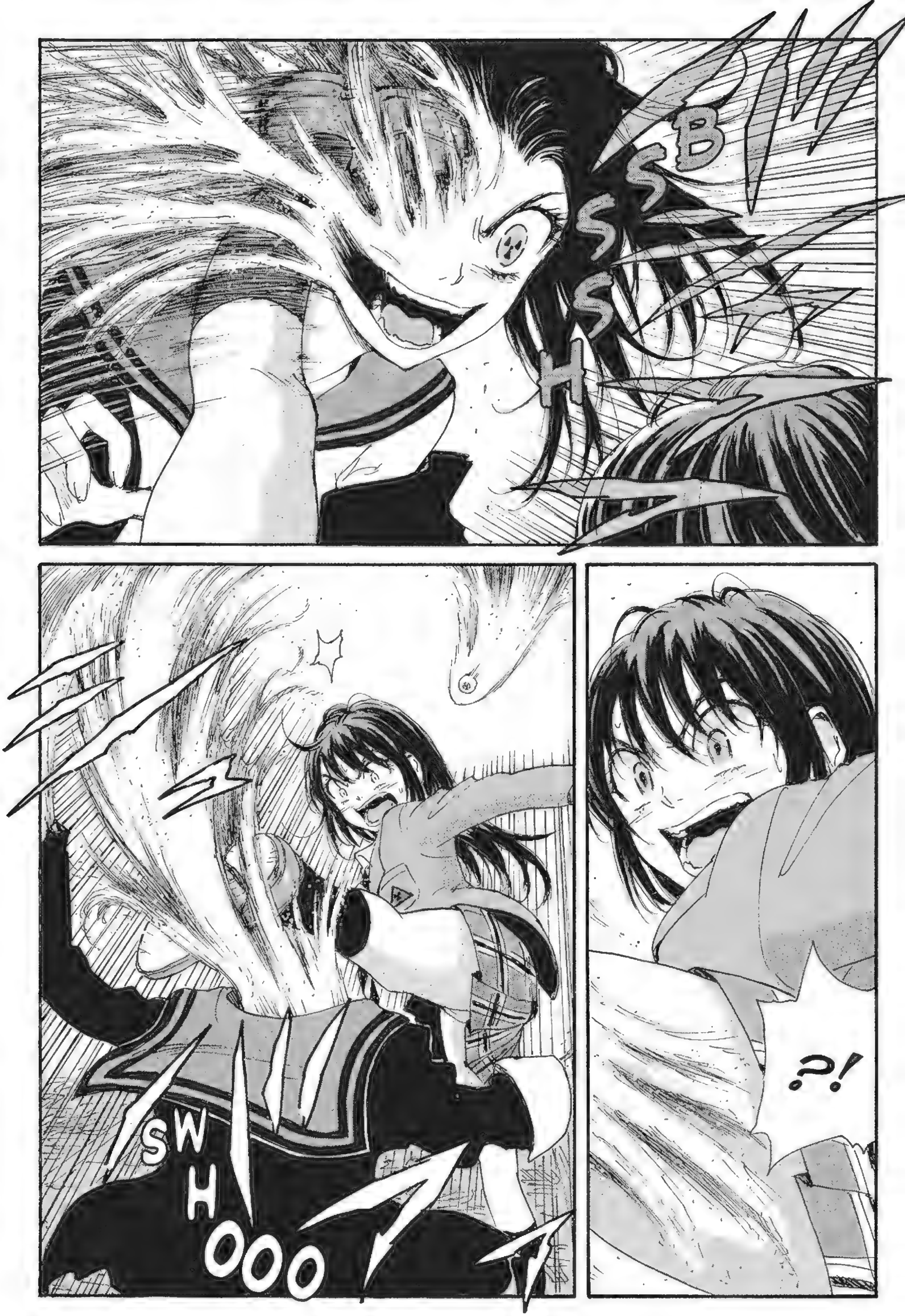

Class representative Ibara Naruse.
Be a good girl and hand her over, will you?
STEP
ズ
FSSH
Crap...
I won't give you Aoi!
Cuz otherwise...
...I'ma use force.
Open your eyes, Meisa Ichikawa!
Dr. Coppelius is manipulating you!

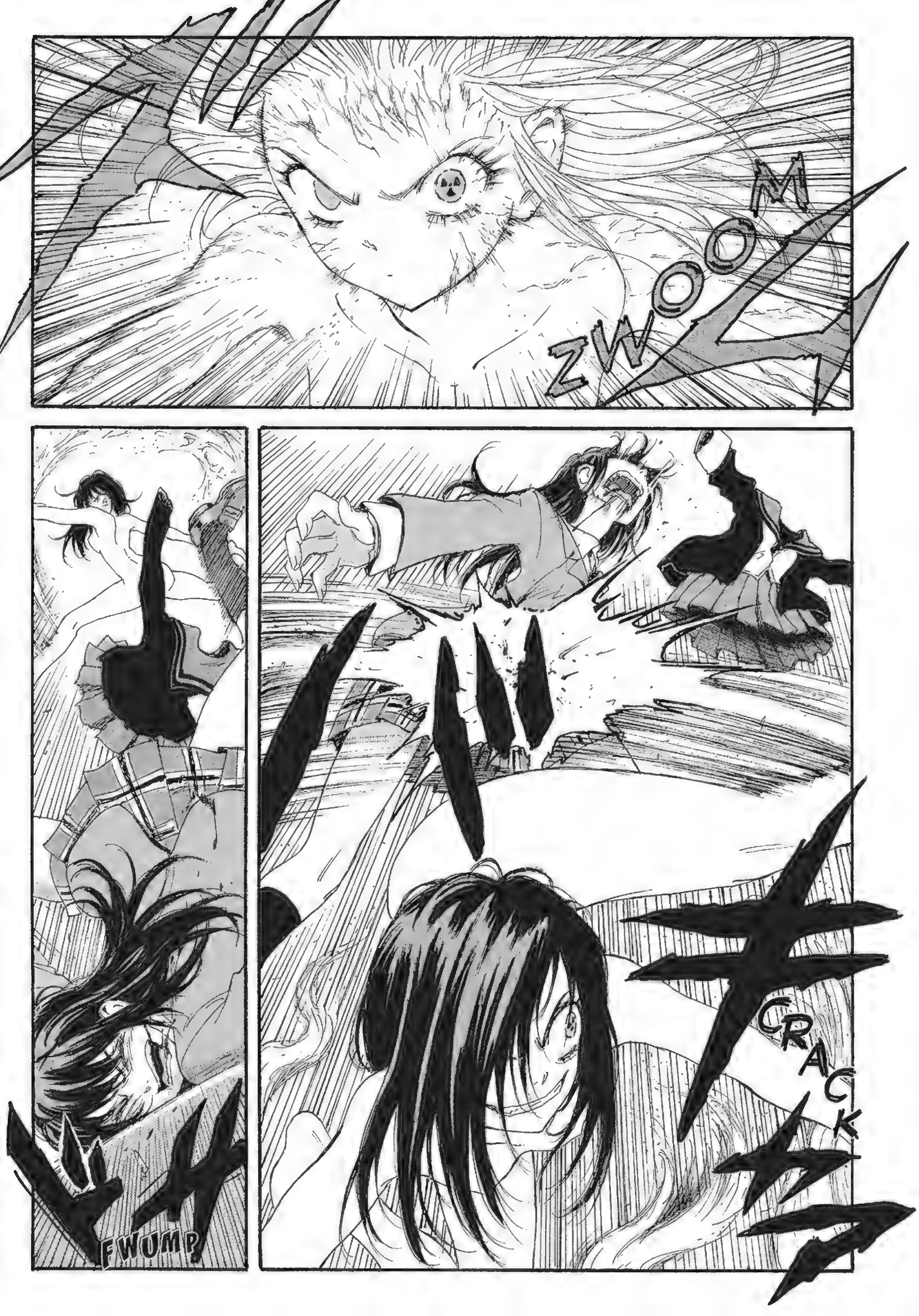

FVVT
DON'T LISTEN TO THAT RABBIT!
HE'S CLEARLY INSANE!
...
HE'S USING US FOR SOME KIND OF DIABOLICAL SCHEME!
I know how you must feel, as second-years...
But you don't have to stoop to this!
If we just talk to Vice Principal Mishima and the Ministry of Defense, I'm sure they'll find a way to fix you—
The Ministry of Defense?! They're trying to *kill* us!
You're the one who needs to open her eyes!

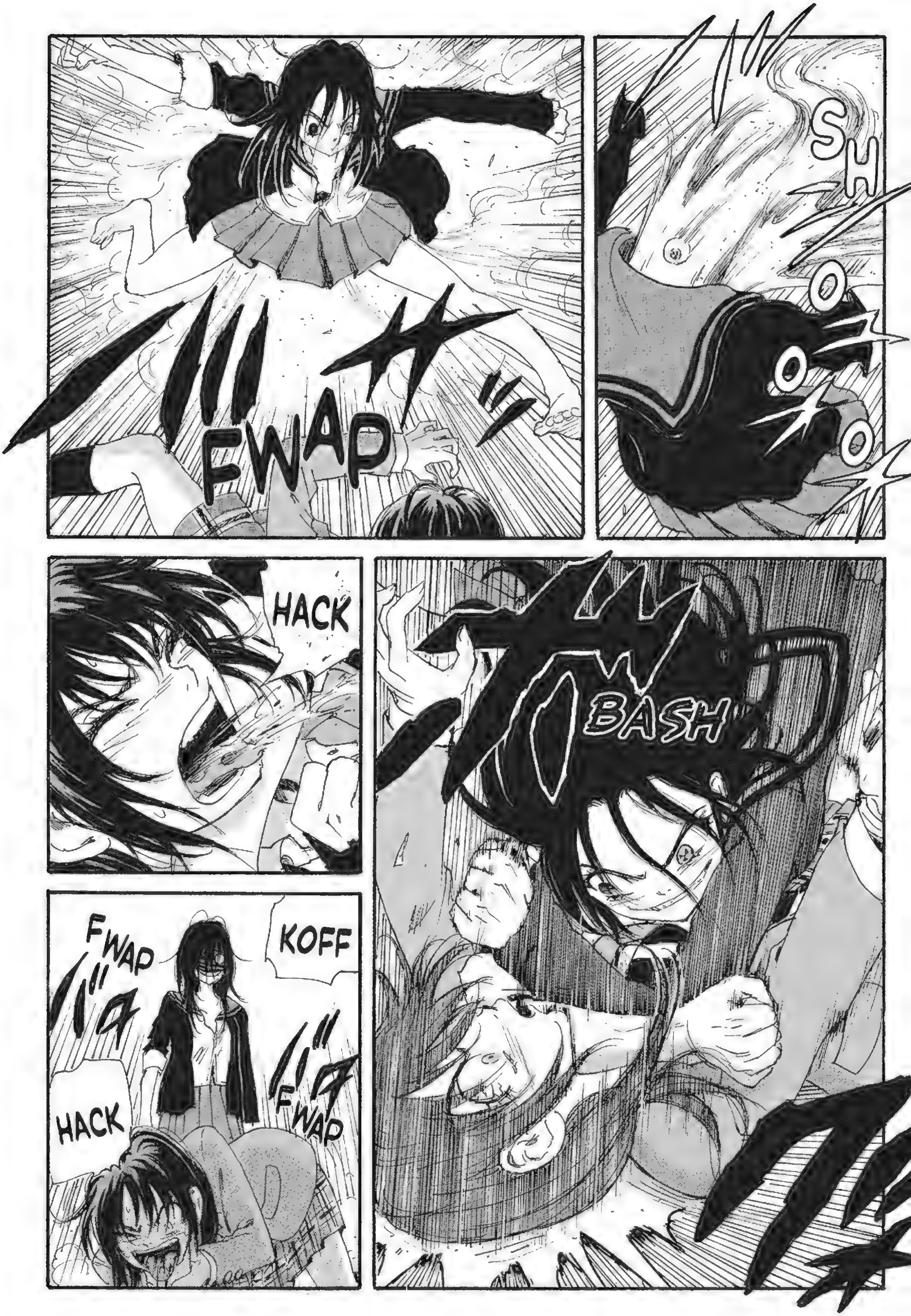

What ?!
Dr. Coppelius said...
...he was the one who created us Coppelion...
...yet he was chased out of the lab before he could finish his work.
FVVT
GET IT YET?
THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE *STOLE* ALL OF THE DOCTOR'S RESEARCH.
VRR
SO THEY COULD USE US COPPELION FOR WHATEVER THEY WANT.
Who's really scheming here?
Who tried to toss their own students out with the trash the second they decided we were *failures*?
I don't care if he's crazy.
I'm sticking with that bunny.

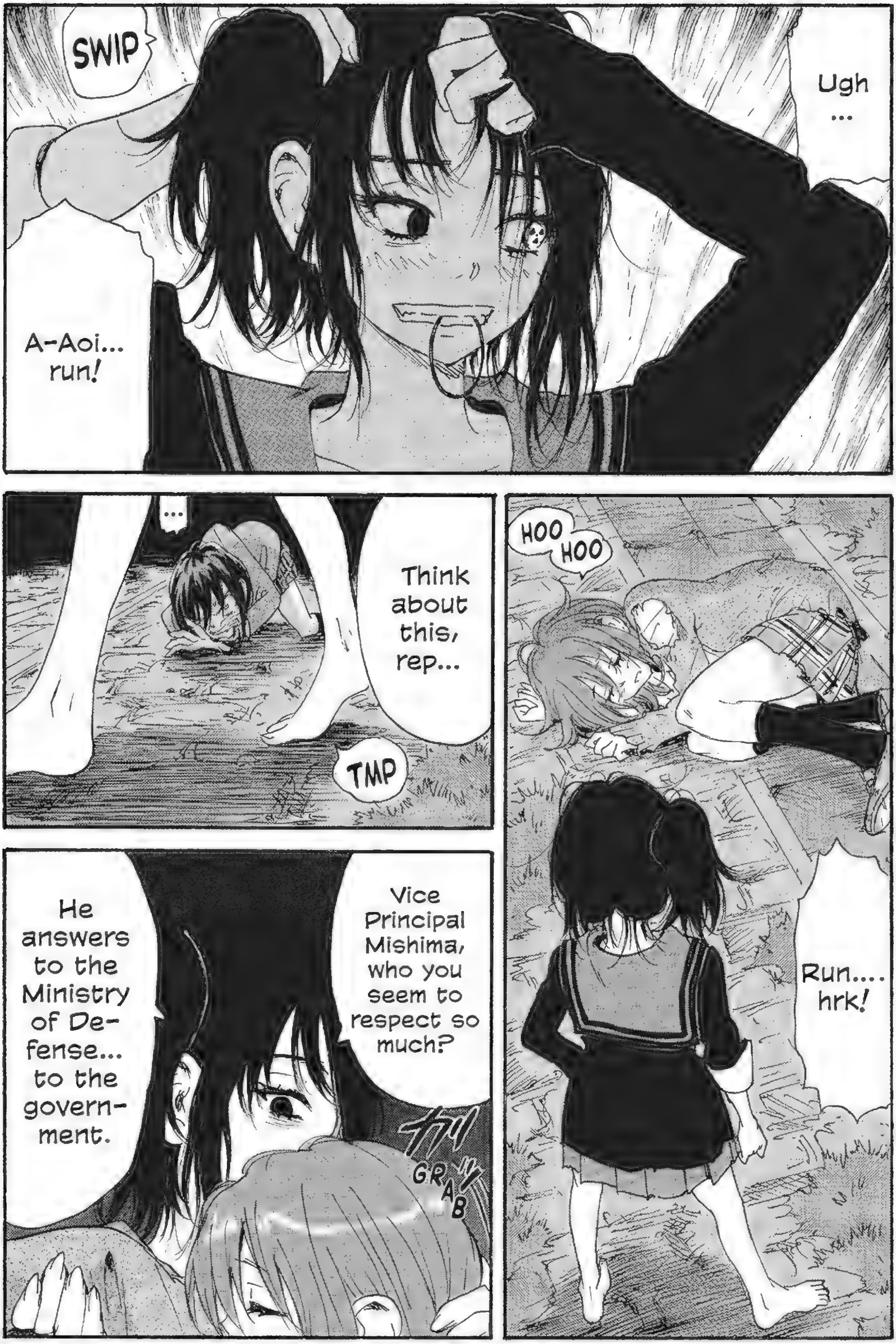

This dark, crumbling world—
I'll reload it with my own two hands!
W...
Wait, Meisa! We can talk this out—
Aoi Fukasaku is mine!
I won't go easy on you like Mana did!

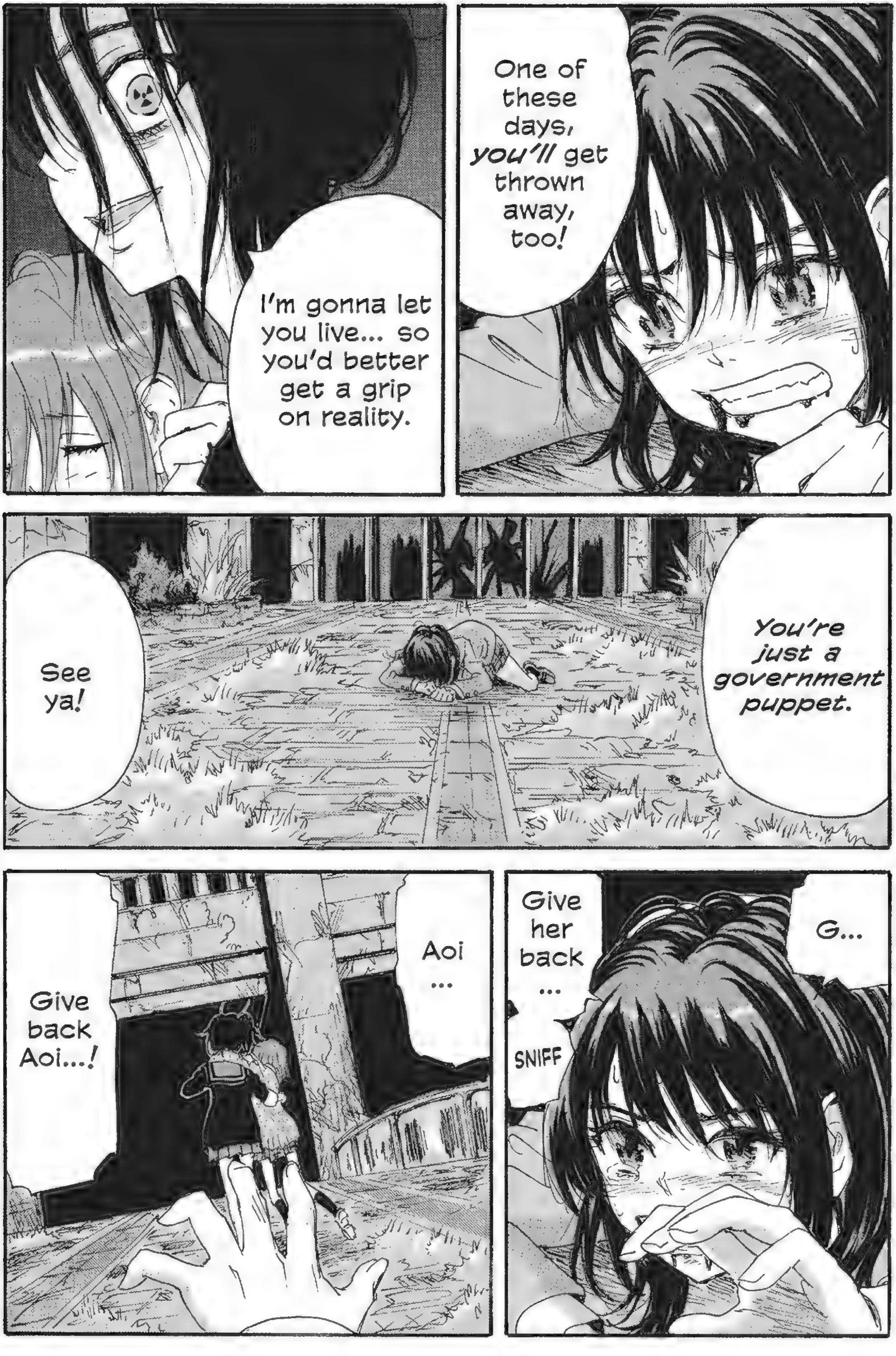

TMP
TMP
TMP
!!
Crap ...
I gotta beat her!
FWAP
Nothing personal!!
FWOO

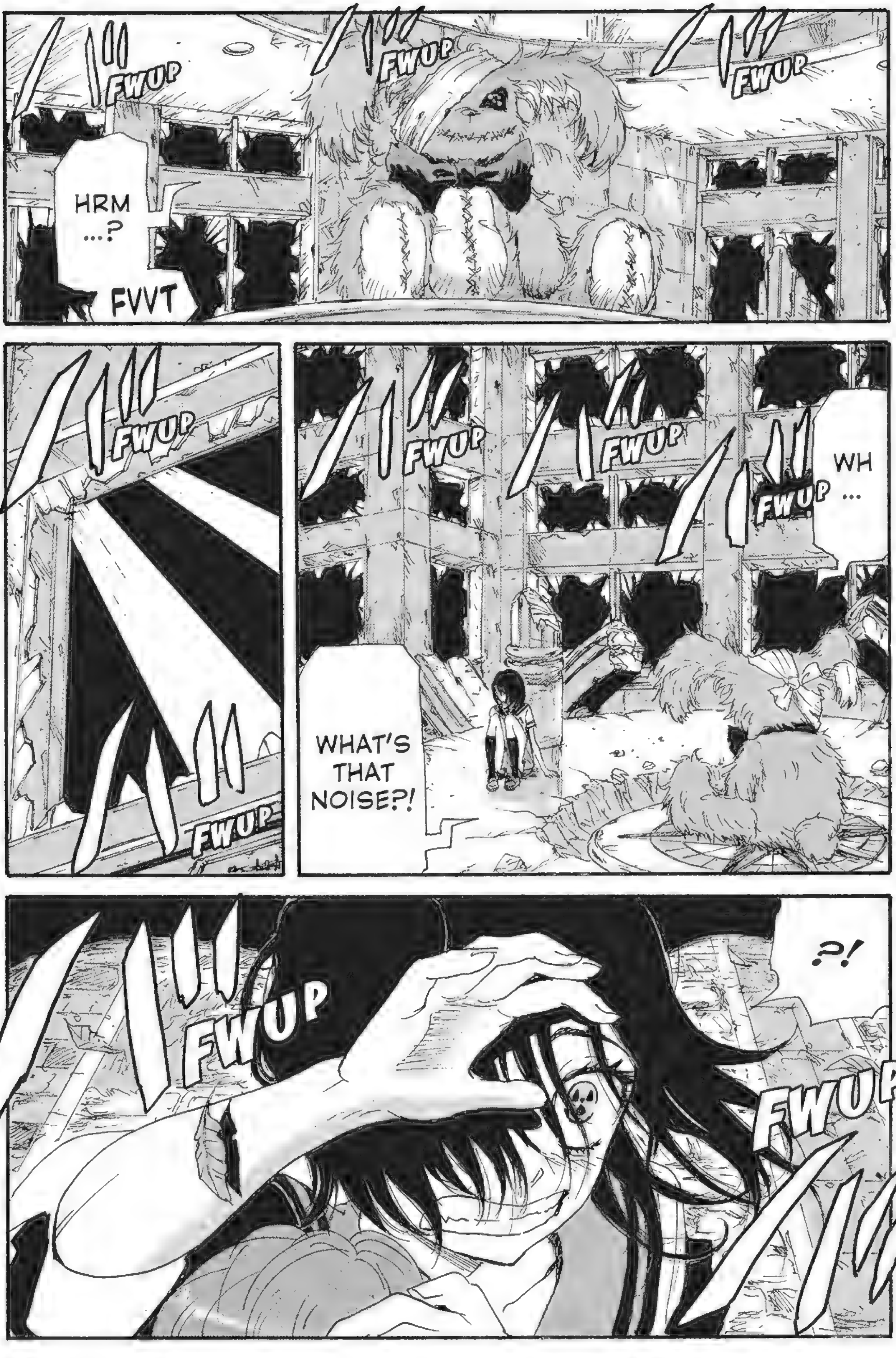

BSSSH
?!
SWHOOO

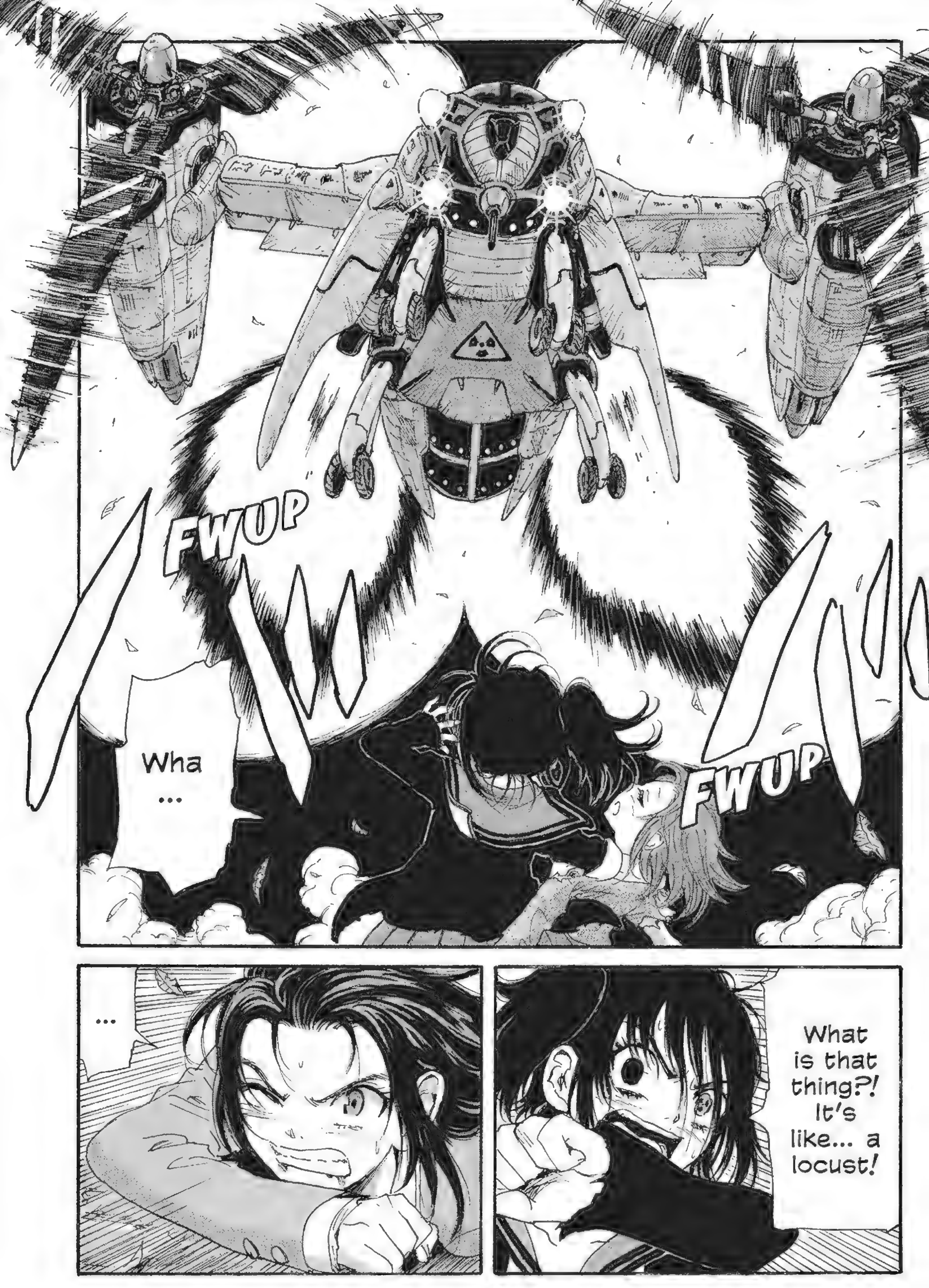

ZWOOOM
CRACK
FWUMP

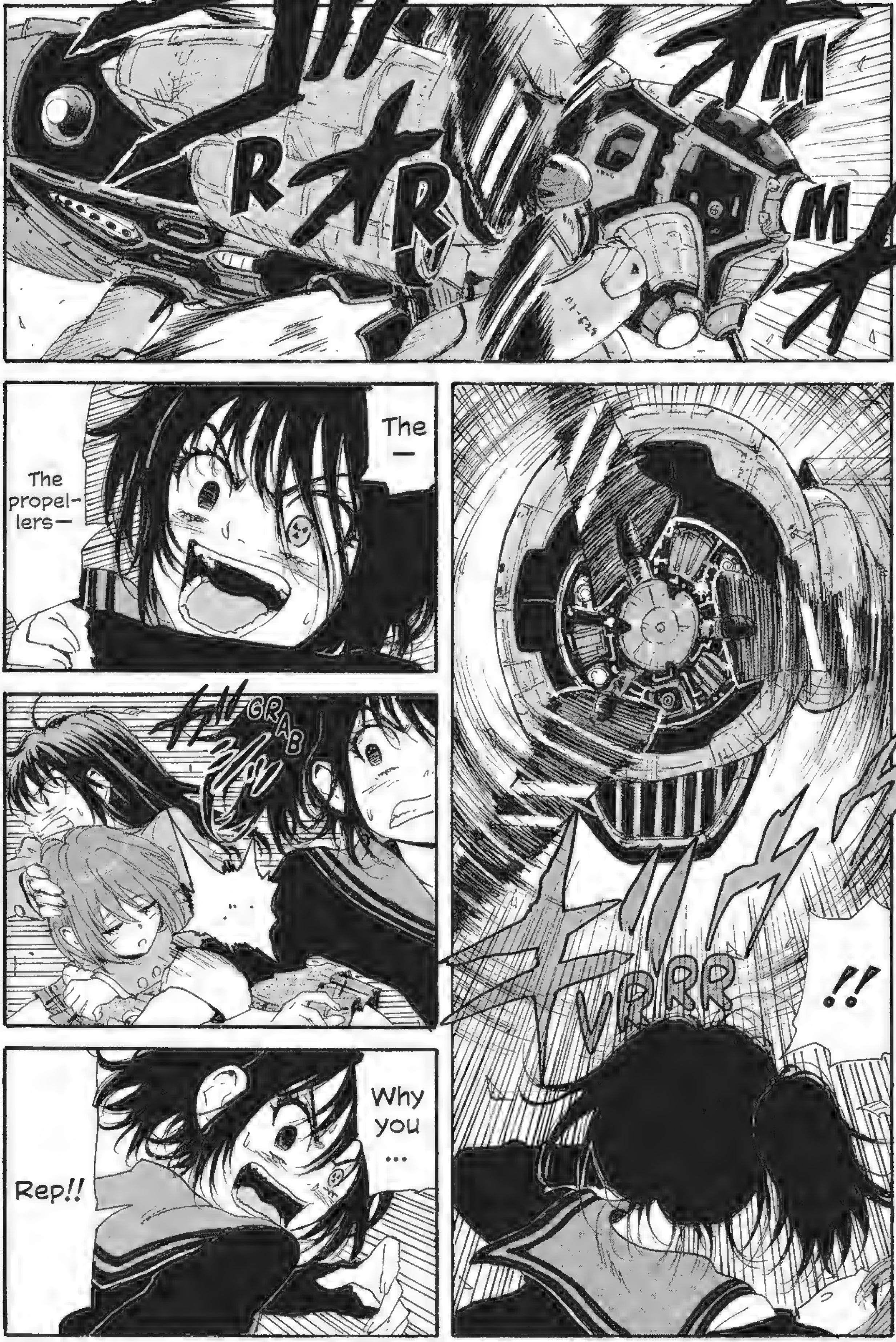

SHOOOO
FWAP
BASH
HACK
KOFF
FWAP
HACK
FWAP

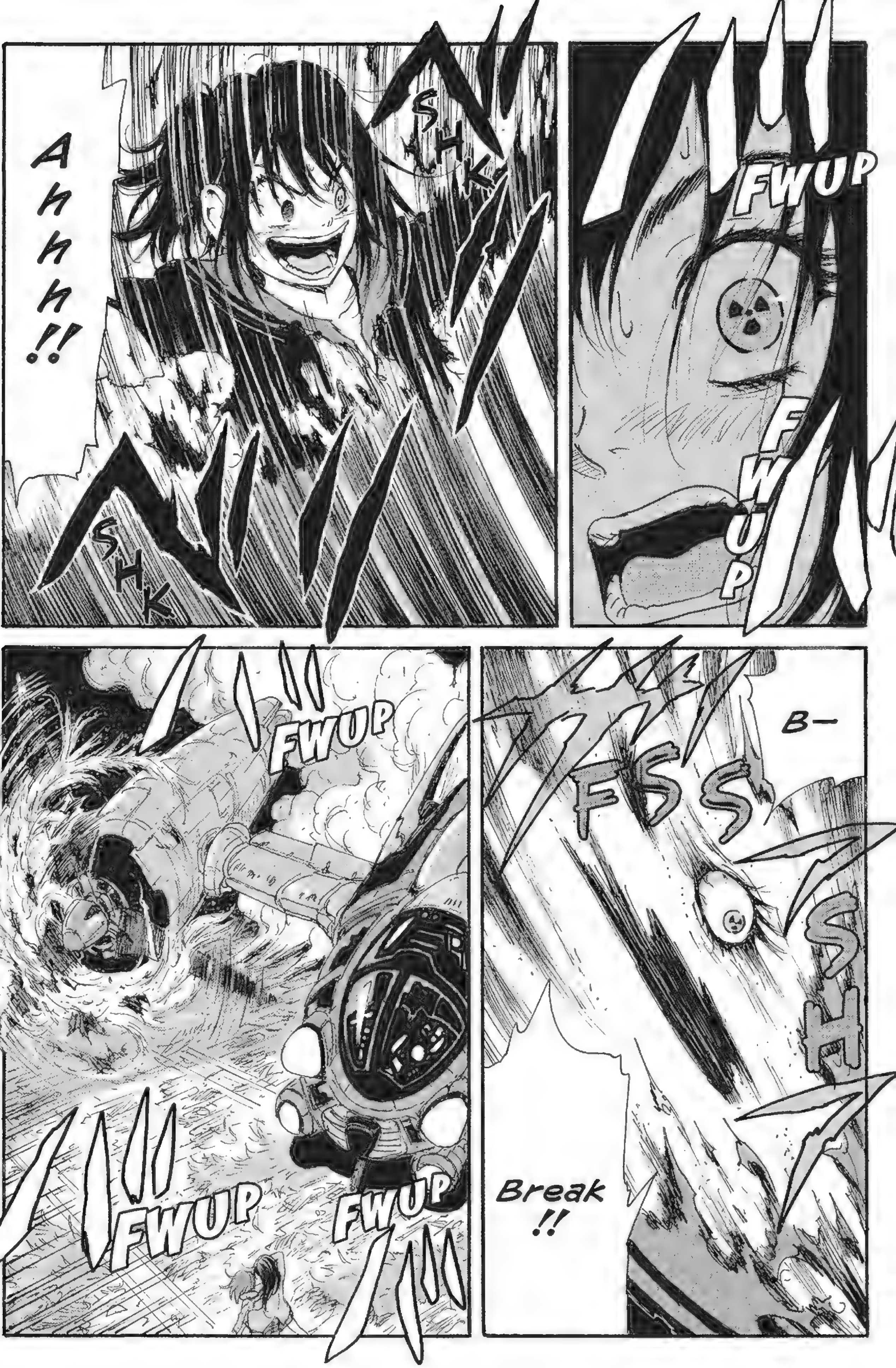

Ugh ...
SWIP
A-Aoi... run!
HOO HOO
Run.... hrk!
...
Think about this, rep...
TMP
Vice Principal Mishima, who you seem to respect so much?
He answers to the Ministry of Defense... to the government.
GRAB

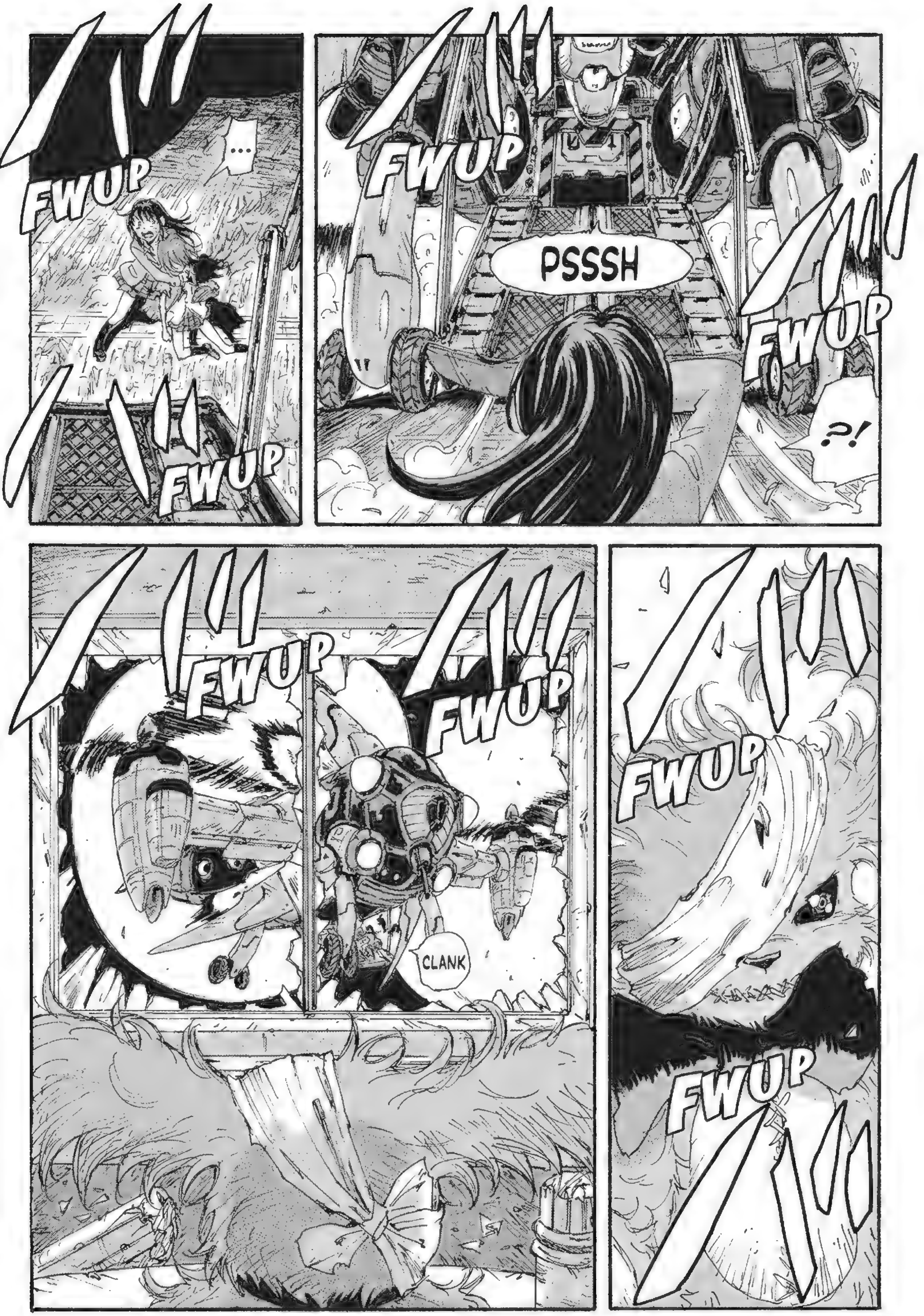

One of these days, *you'll* get thrown away, too!
I'm gonna let you live... so you'd better get a grip on reality.
You're just a government puppet.
See ya!
G...
Give her back ...
SNIFF
Aoi ...
Give back Aoi...!

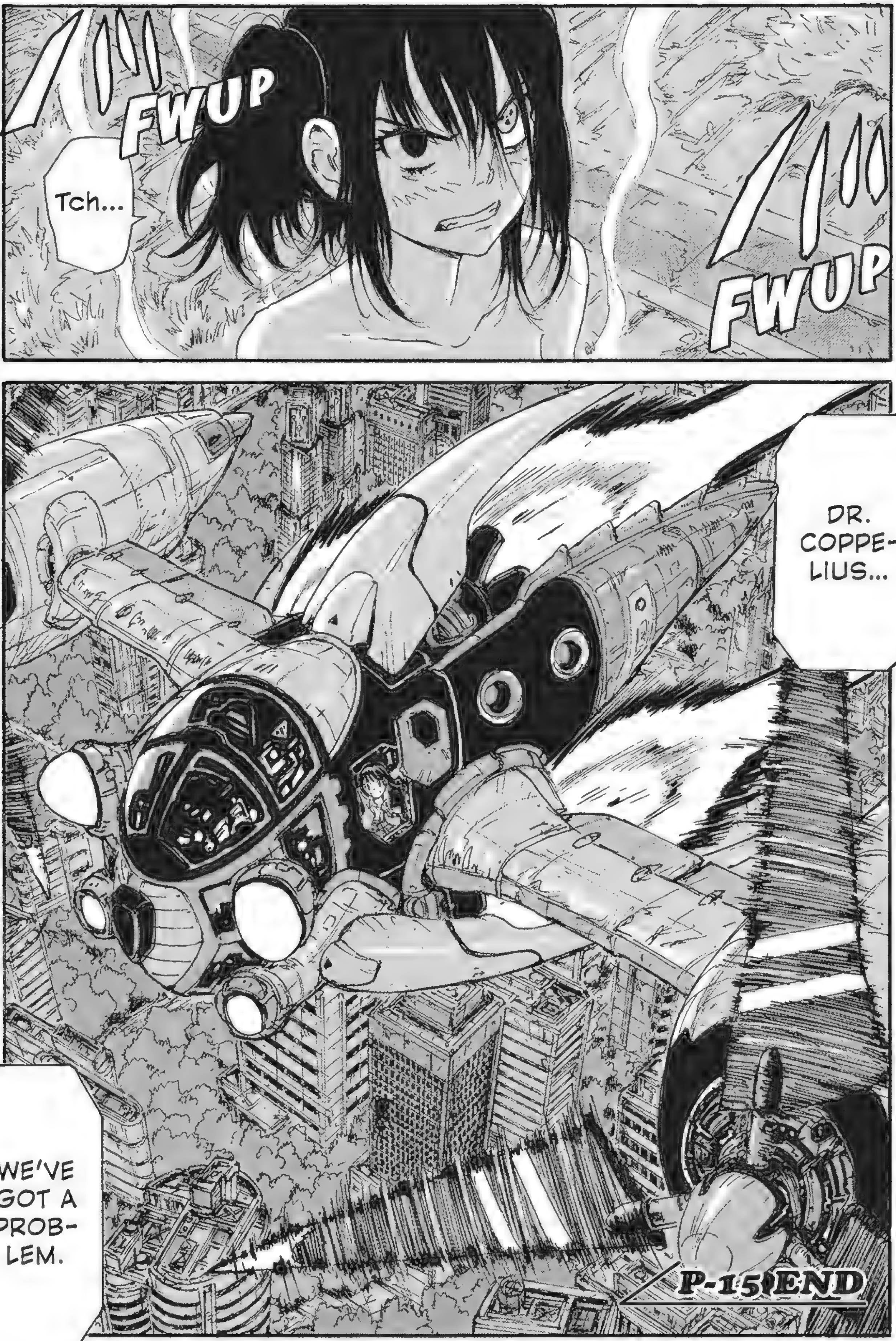

FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
HRM ...?
FVVT
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
WH ...
WHAT'S THAT NOISE?!
FWUP
FWUP
?!
FWUP
FWUP


FWUP
Wha ...
FWUP
What is that thing?! It's like... a locust!
...

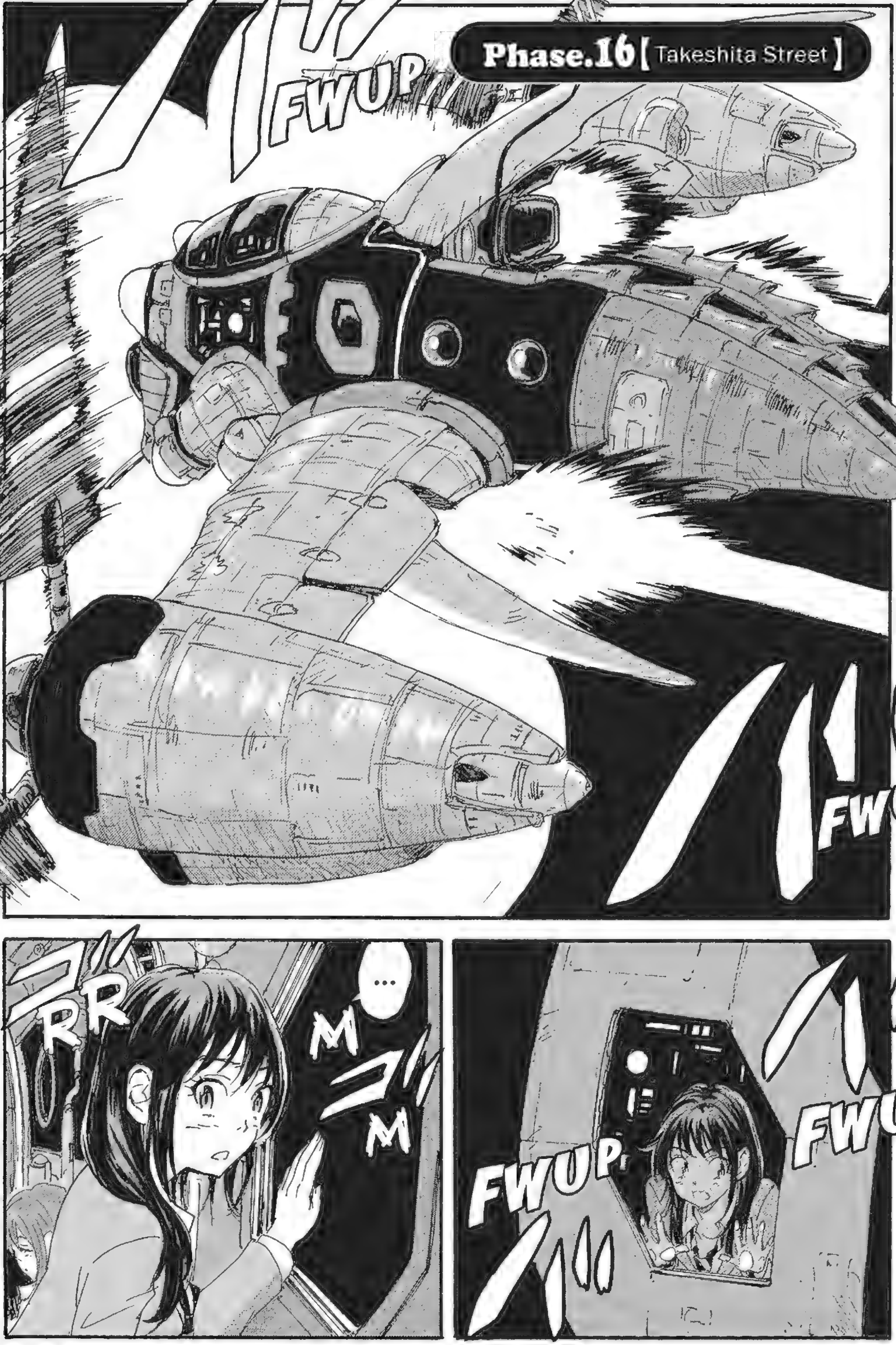

RRUGMM
VRRR
!!
The—
The propellers—
GRAB
...
Why you...
Rep!!

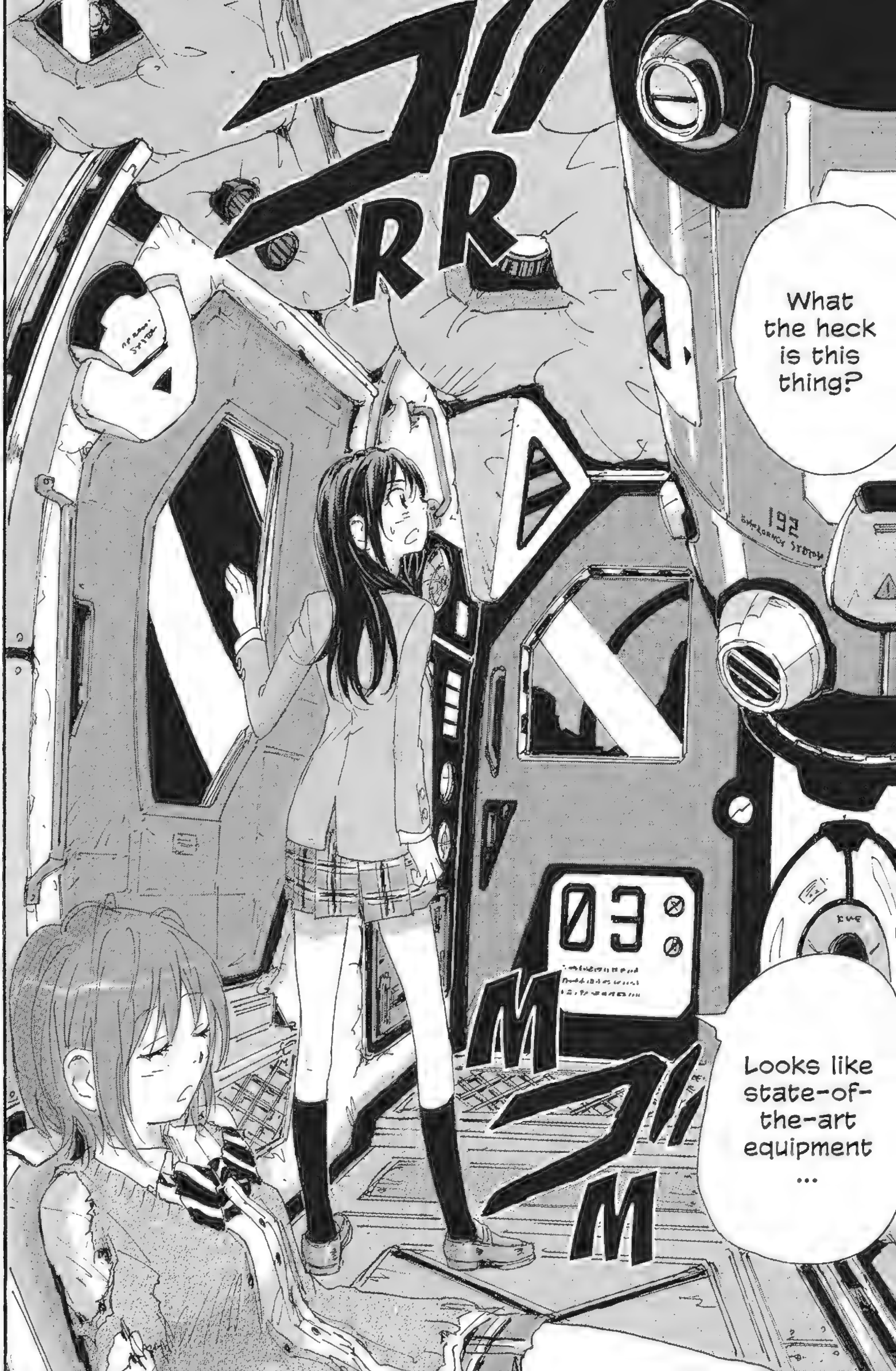

FWUP
FWUP
SHK
Ahhhh!!
SHK
B—
FSSSH
Break!!
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP

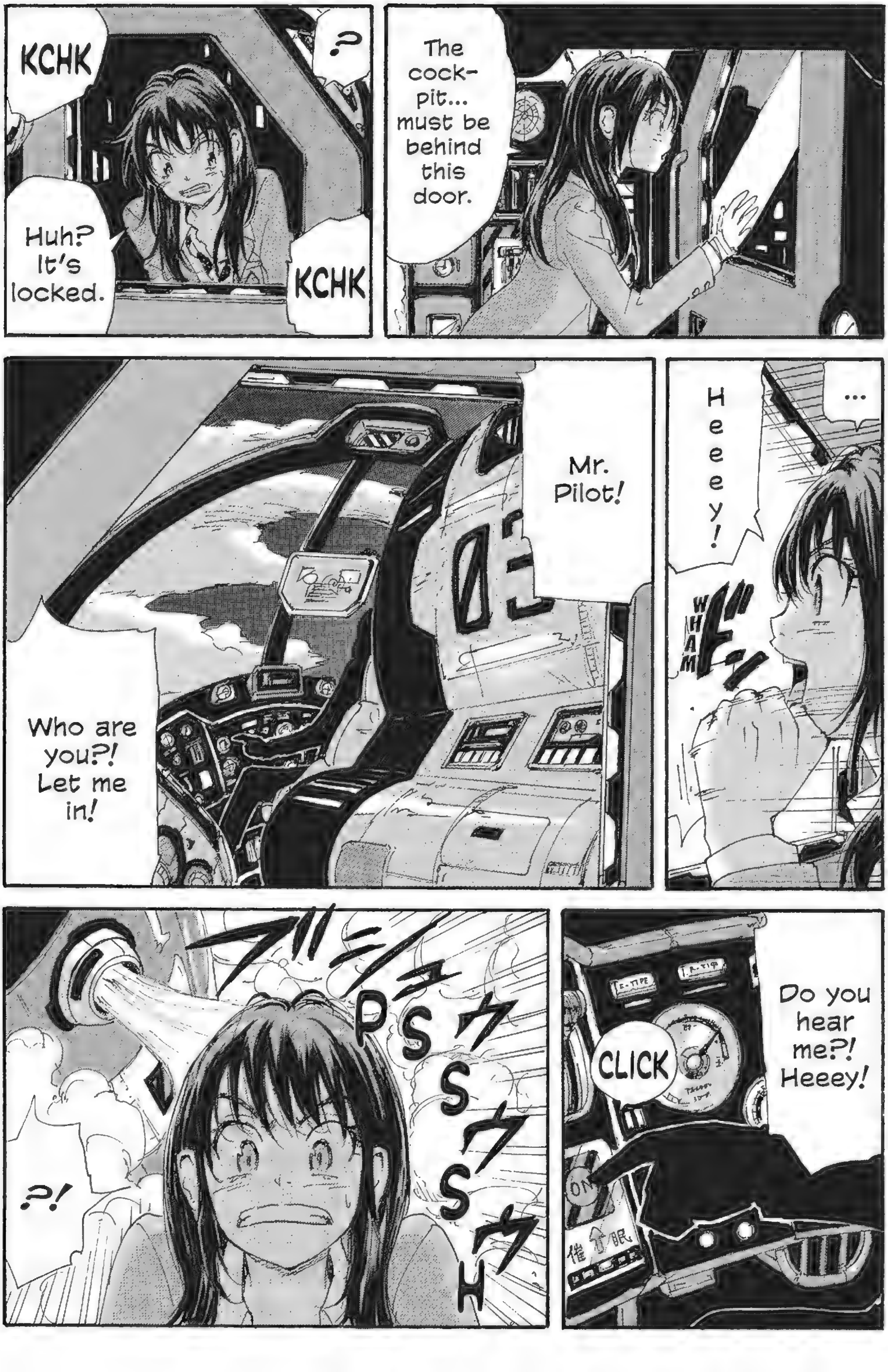

FWUP
...
FWUP
FWUP
PSSSH
FWUP
?!
FWUP
FWUP
CLANK
FWUP
FWUP

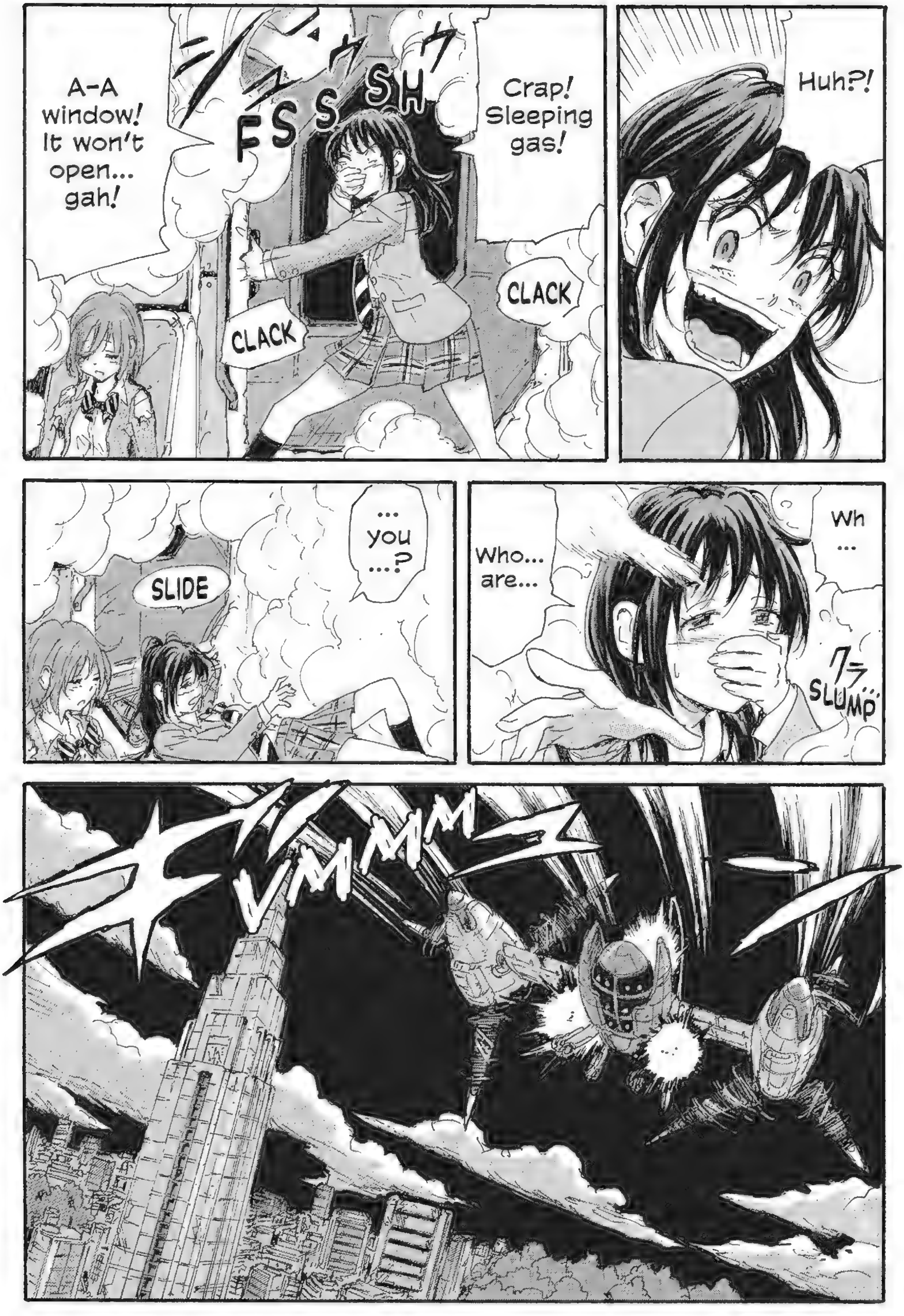

FWUP
FWUP
Tch...
DR. COPPELIUS...
WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM.
P-15 END

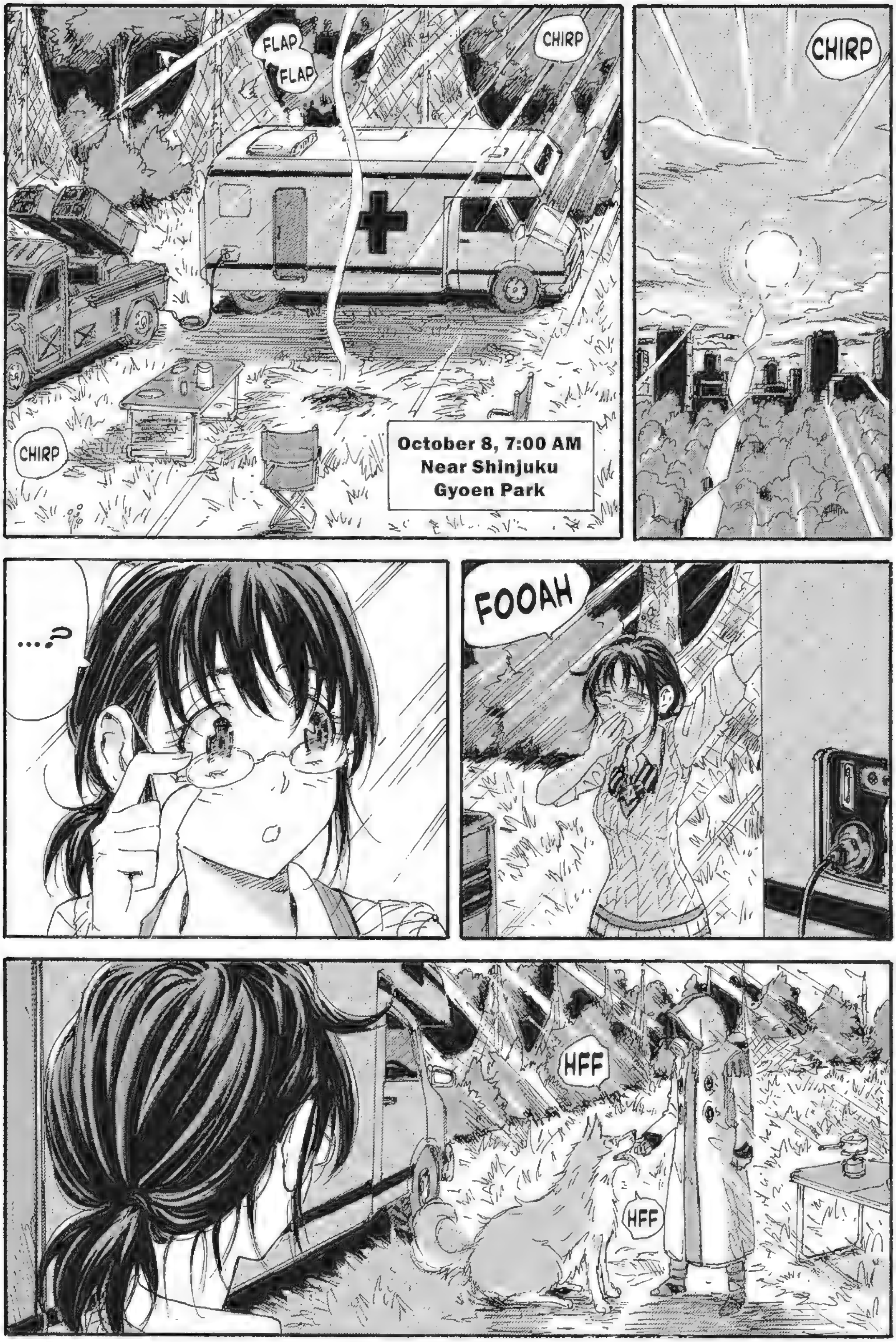
Phase.16 【Takeshita Street】

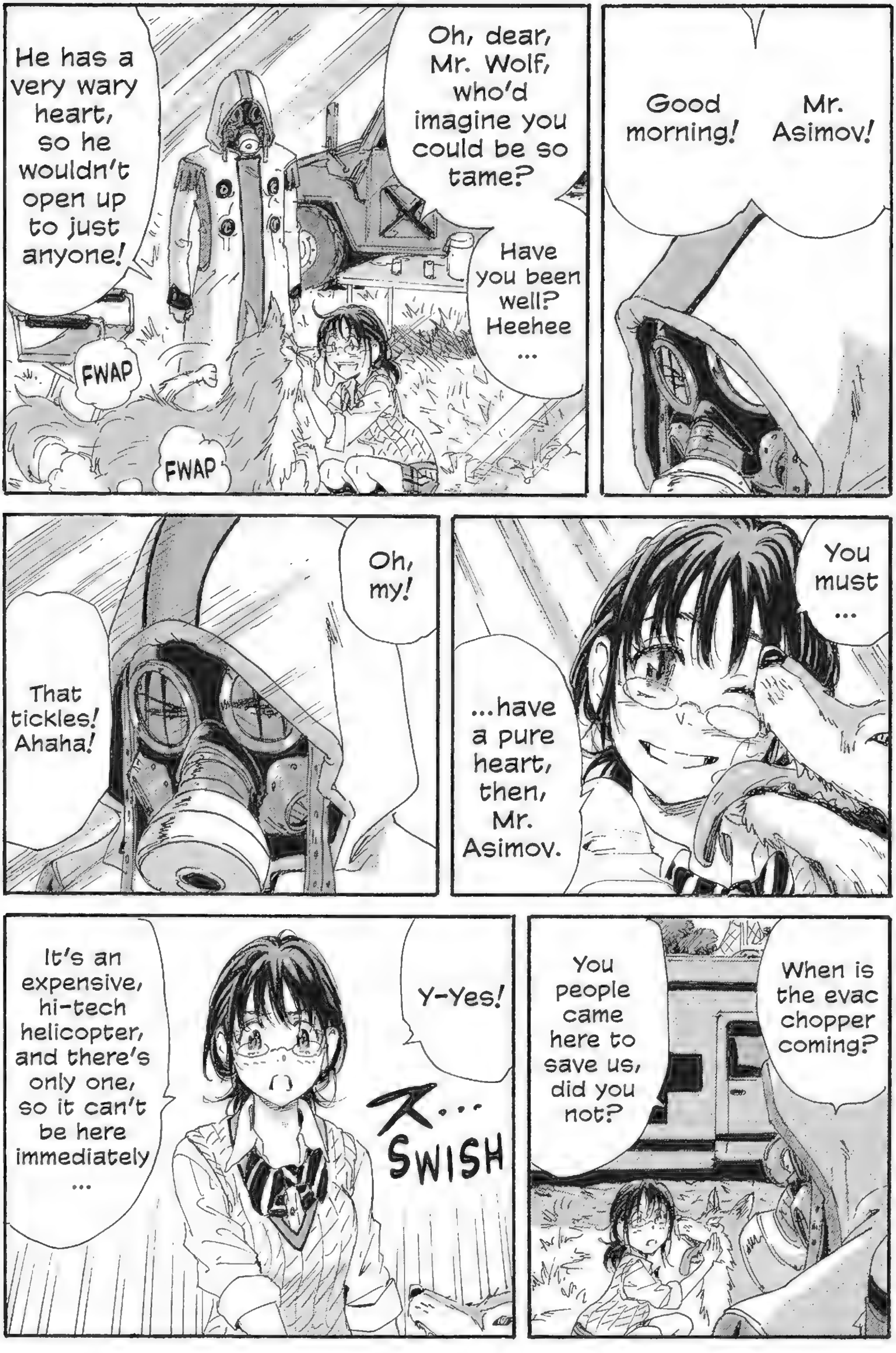

FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
...
M
M
RR

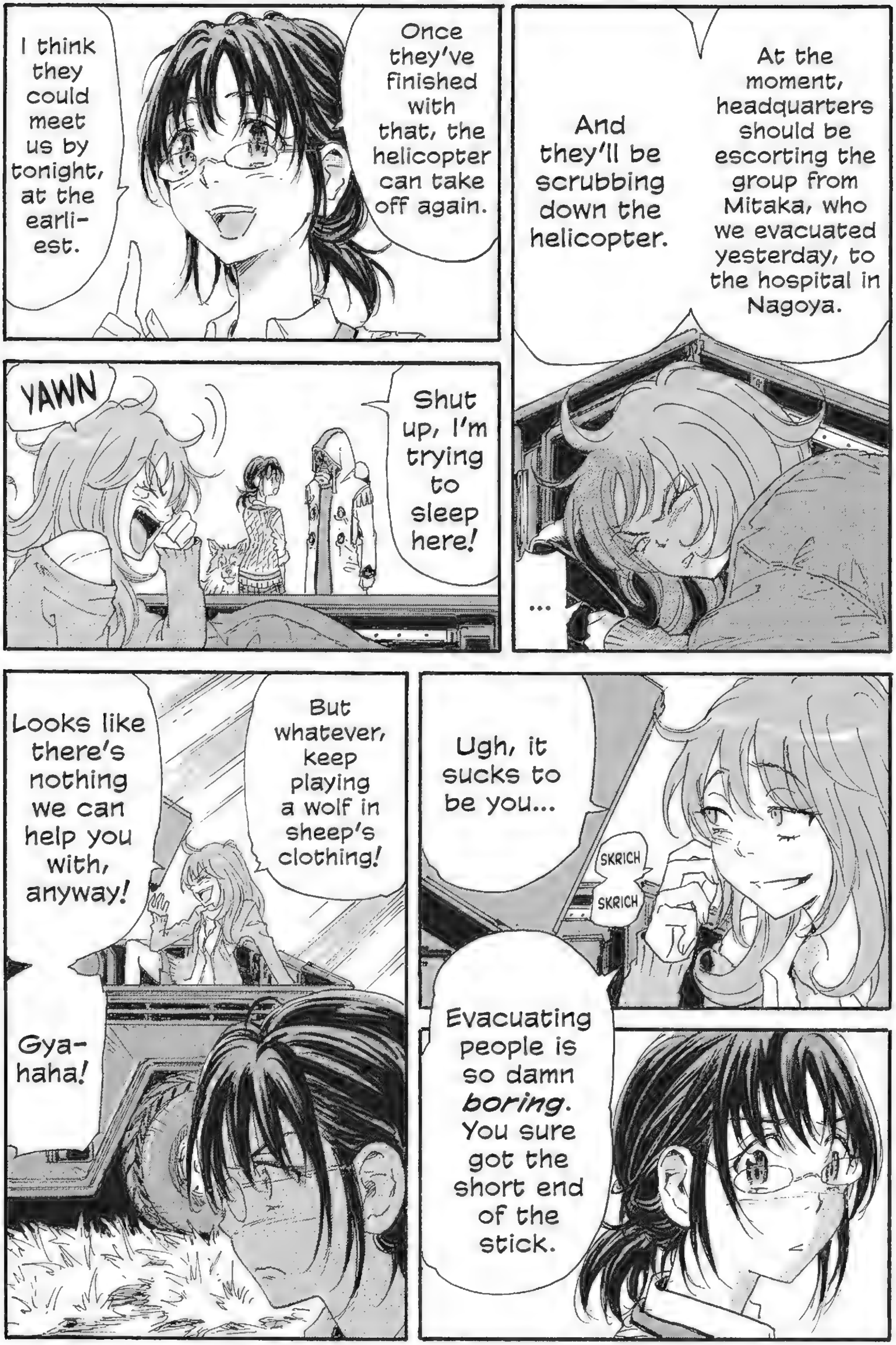

RR
What the heck is this thing?
192 EMERGENCY STOP
03
MMM
Looks like state-of-the-art equipment ...

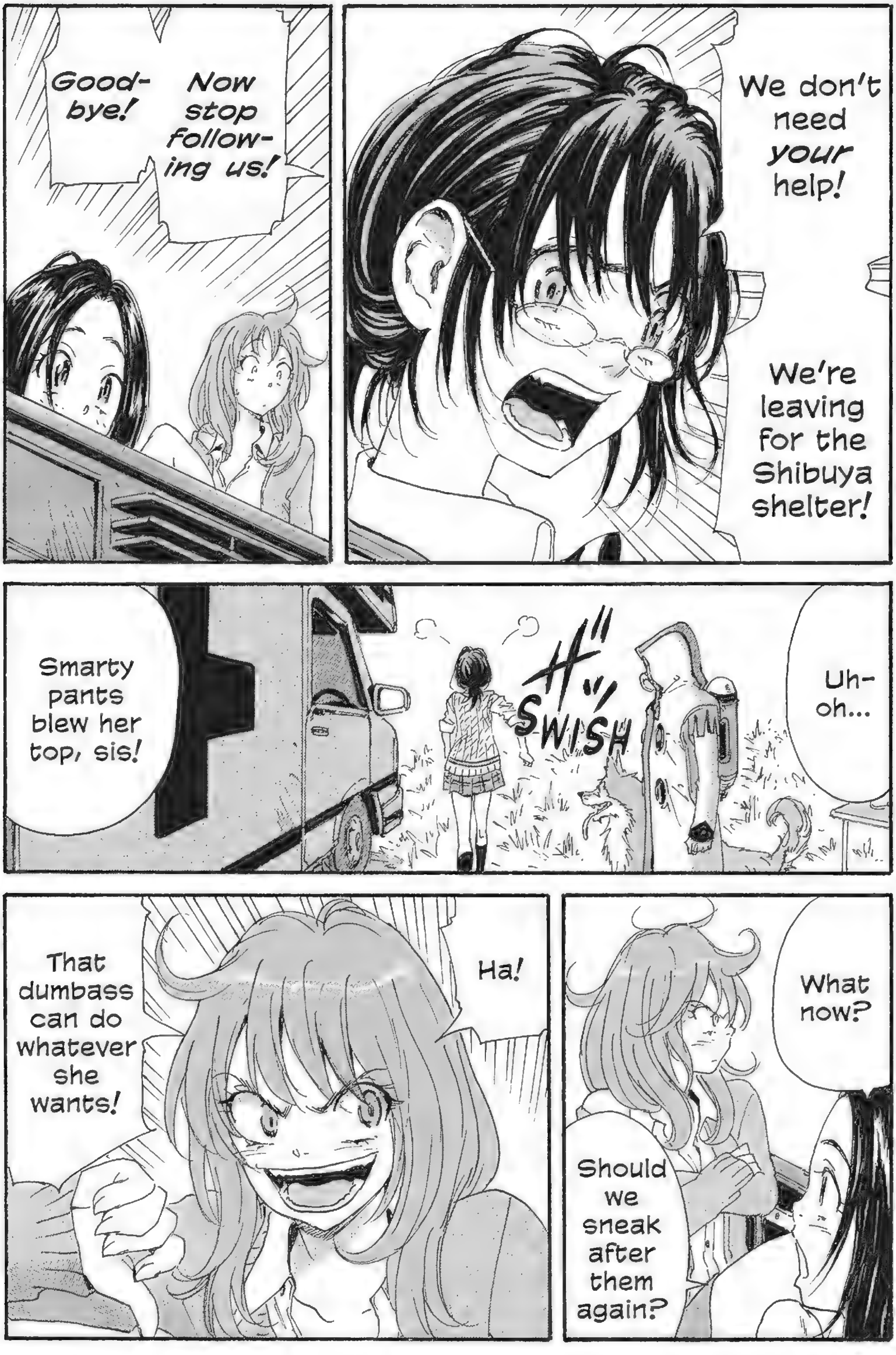

The cock-pit... must be behind this door.
KCHK
?
KCHK
Huh? It's locked.
...
Heeey!
WHAM
Mr. Pilot!
Who are you?! Let me in!
Do you hear me?! Heeey!
CLICK
PSSSH
?!

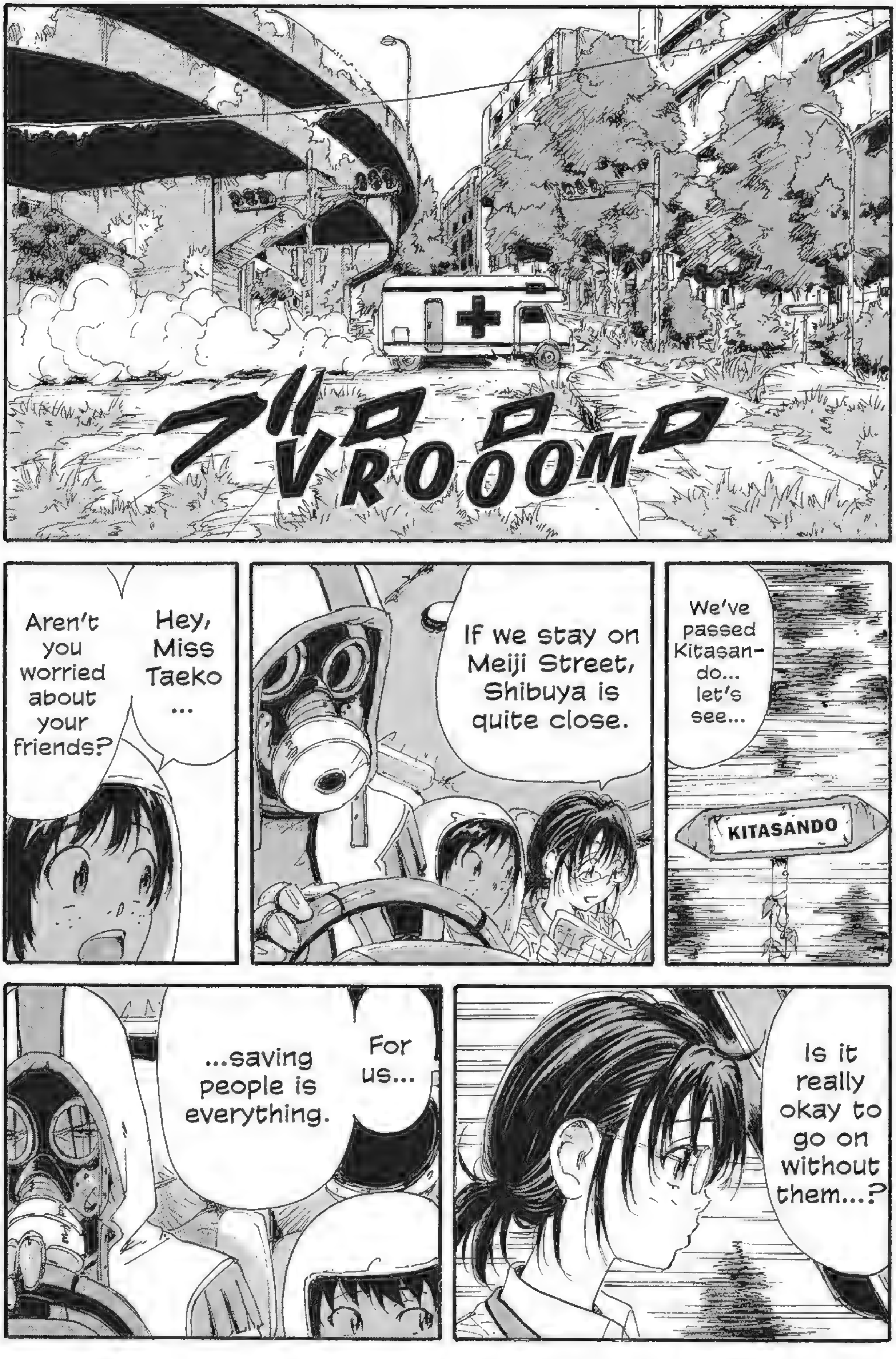

Huh?!
Crap! Sleeping gas!
CLACK
FSSSH
CLACK
A-A window! It won't open... gah!
Wh...
Who... are...
SLUMP
... you ...?
SLIDE
VMMMM

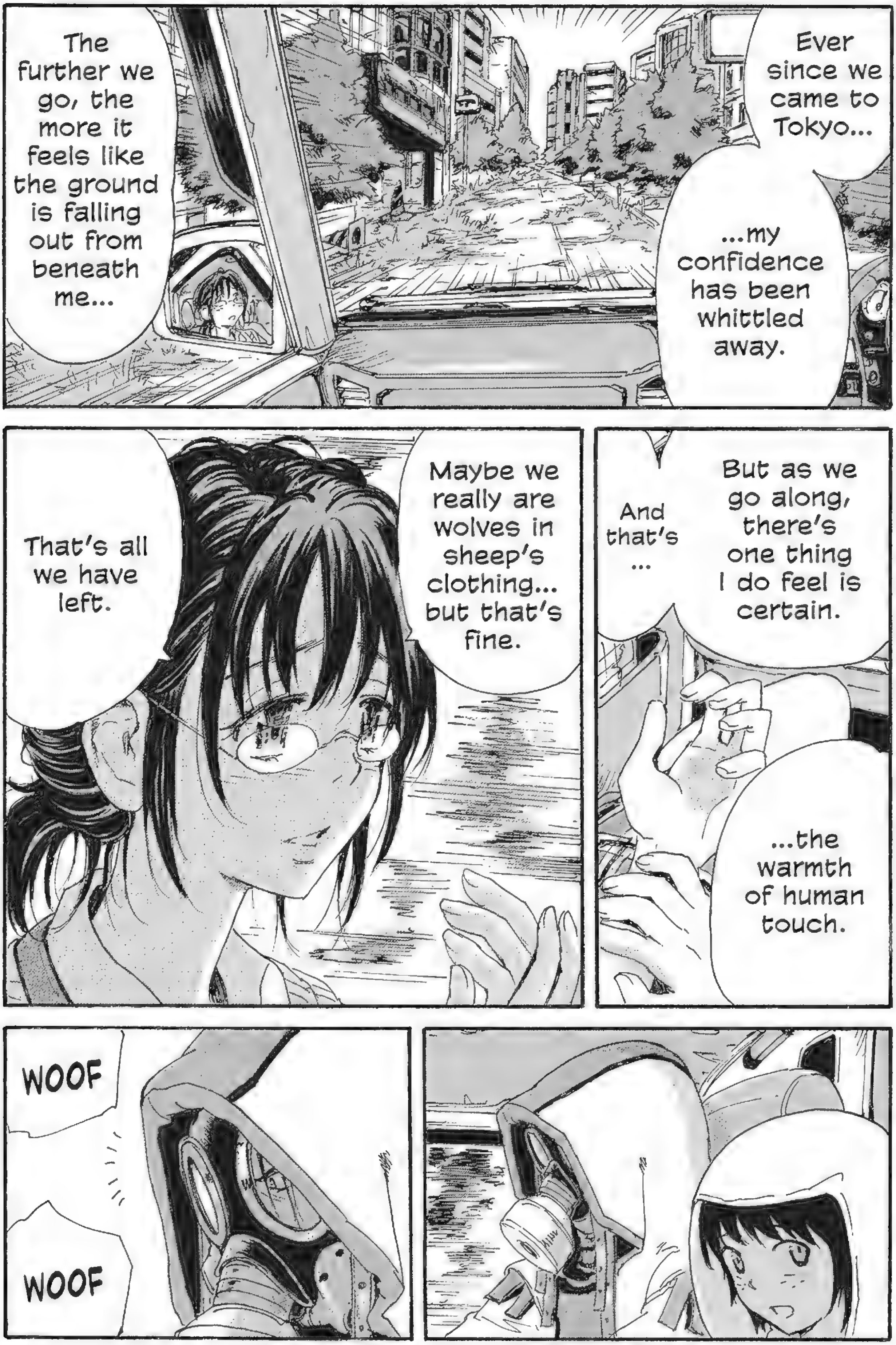

CHIRP
CHIRP
FLAP
FLAP
CHIRP
October 8, 7:00 AM
Near Shinjuku
Gyoen Park
FOOAH
...?
HFF
HFF

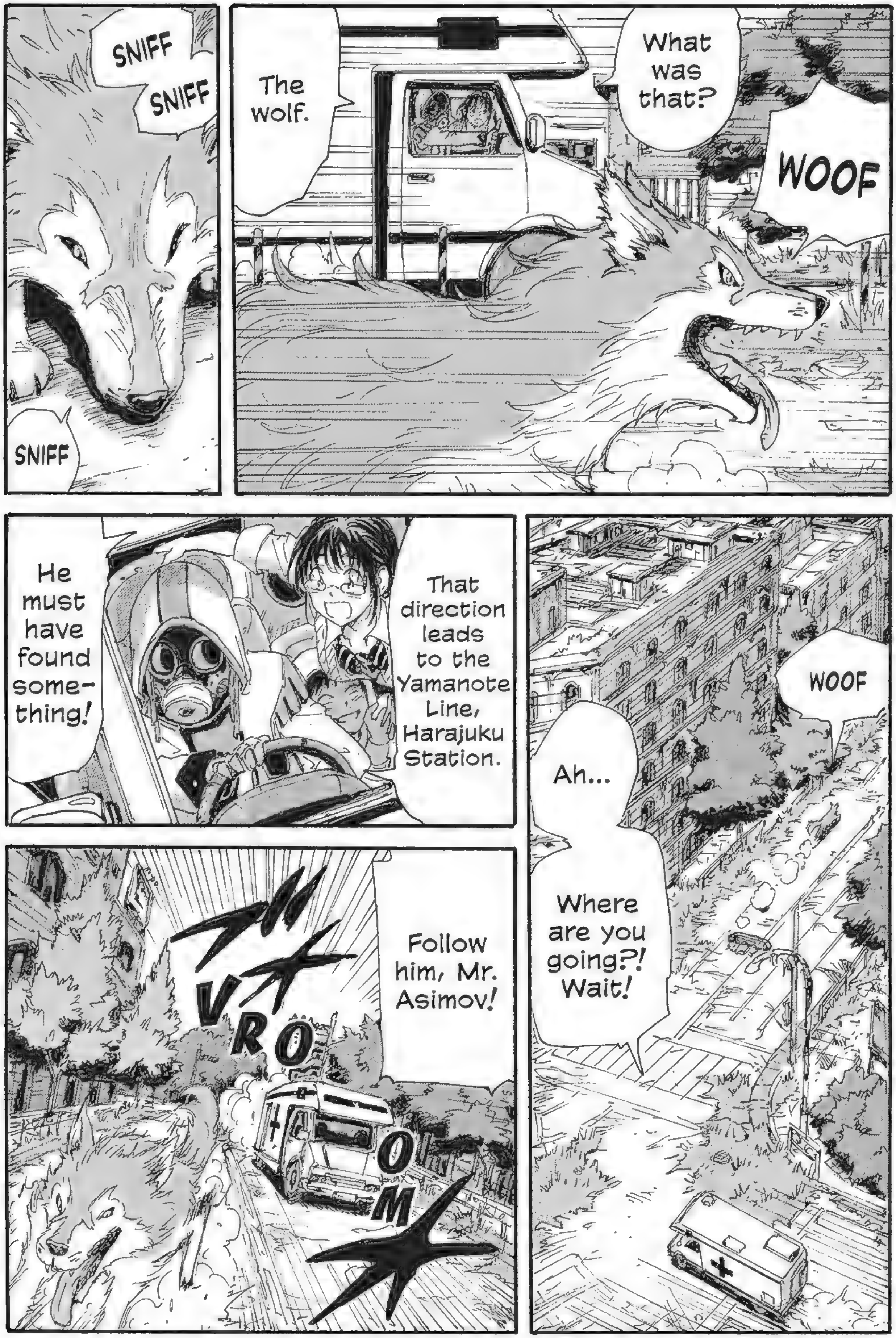

Mr. Asimov!
Good morning!
Oh, dear, Mr. Wolf, who'd imagine you could be so tame?
Have you been well? Heehee ...
He has a very wary heart, so he wouldn't open up to just anyone!
FWAP
FWAP
You must ...
...have a pure heart, then, Mr. Asimov.
Oh, my!
That tickles! Ahaha!
When is the evac chopper coming?
You people came here to save us, did you not?
Y-Yes!
ス...
SWISH
It's an expensive, hi-tech helicopter, and there's only one, so it can't be here immediately ...

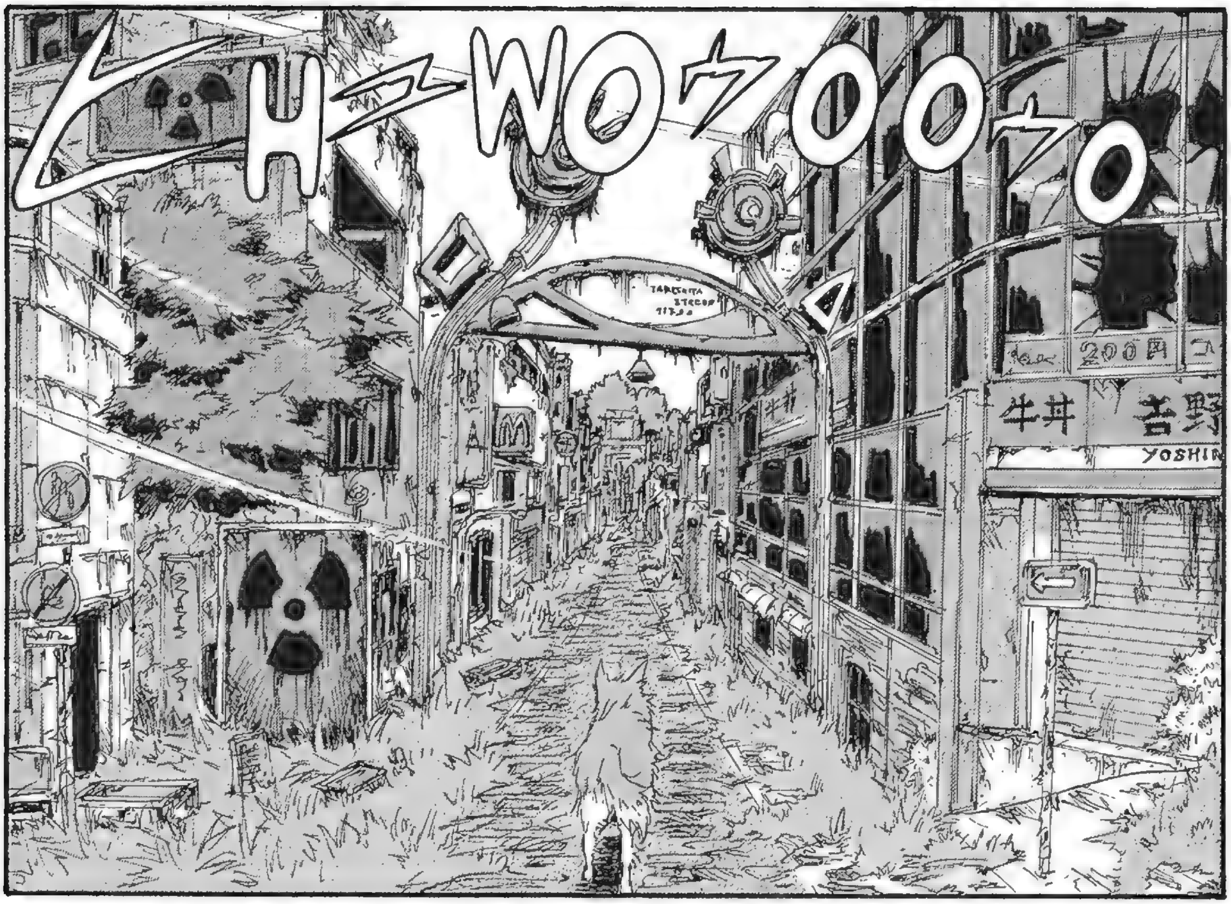

At the moment, headquarters should be escorting the group from Mitaka, who we evacuated yesterday, to the hospital in Nagoya.
And they'll be scrubbing down the helicopter.
Once they've finished with that, the helicopter can take off again.
I think they could meet us by tonight, at the earliest.
...
YAWN
Shut up, I'm trying to sleep here!
Ugh, it sucks to be you...
SKRICH
SKRICH
Evacuating people is so damn *boring*. You sure got the short end of the stick.
Looks like there's nothing we can help you with, anyway!
But whatever, keep playing a wolf in sheep's clothing!
Gya-haha!

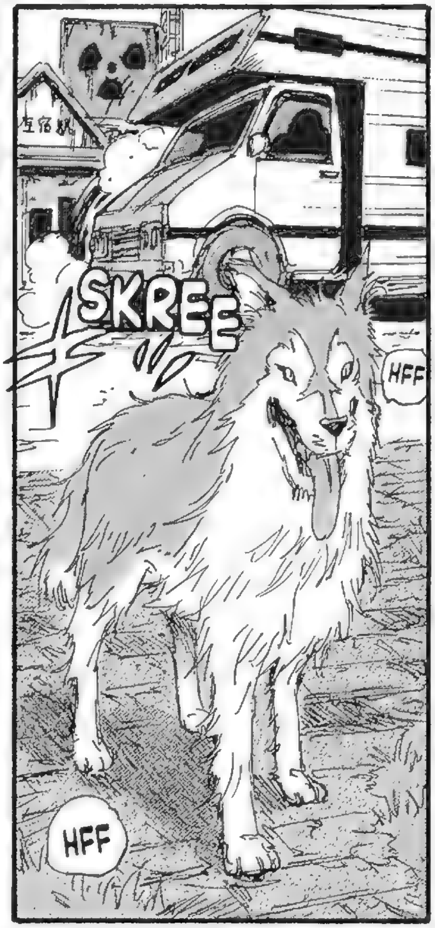

We don't need *your* help!
We're leaving for the Shibuya shelter!
Now stop following us!
Good-bye!
Uh-oh...
SWISH
Smarty pants blew her top, sis!
What now?
Should we sneak after them again?
Ha!
That dumbass can do whatever she wants!

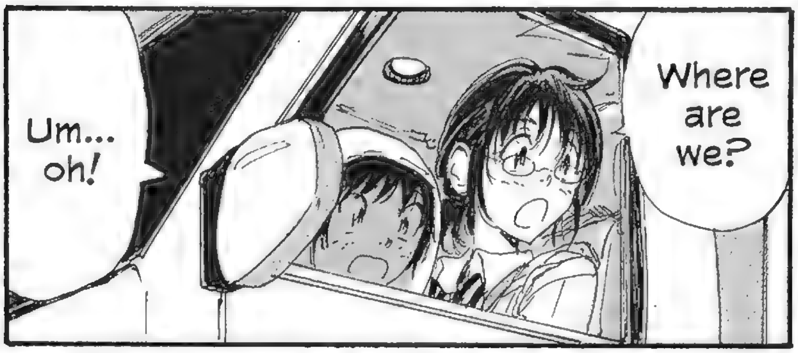

ブロロロ
VROOOM
We've passed Kitasando... let's see...
KITASANDO
If we stay on Meiji Street, Shibuya is quite close.
Hey, Miss Taeko...
Aren't you worried about your friends?
Is it really okay to go on without them...?
For us...
...saving people is everything.

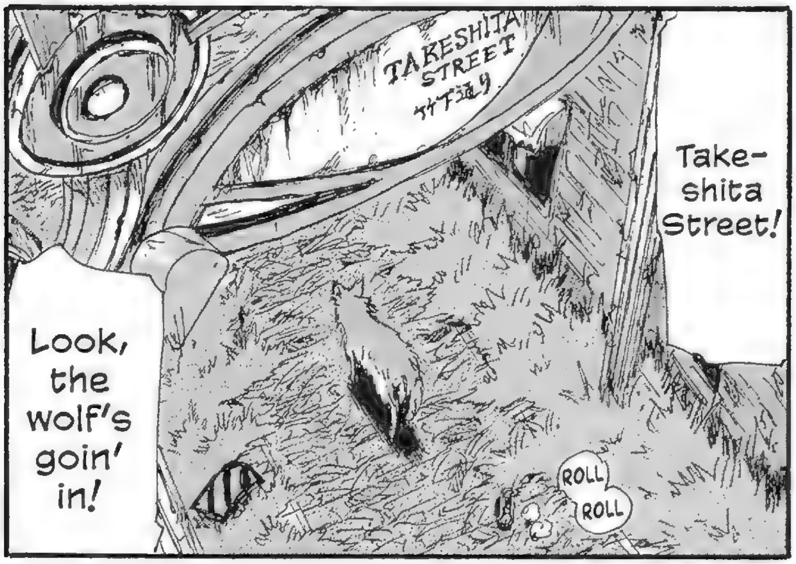

Ever since we came to Tokyo...
...my confidence has been whittled away.
The further we go, the more it feels like the ground is falling out from beneath me...
But as we go along, there's one thing I do feel is certain.
And that's...
...the warmth of human touch.
Maybe we really are wolves in sheep's clothing... but that's fine.
That's all we have left.
WOOF
WOOF

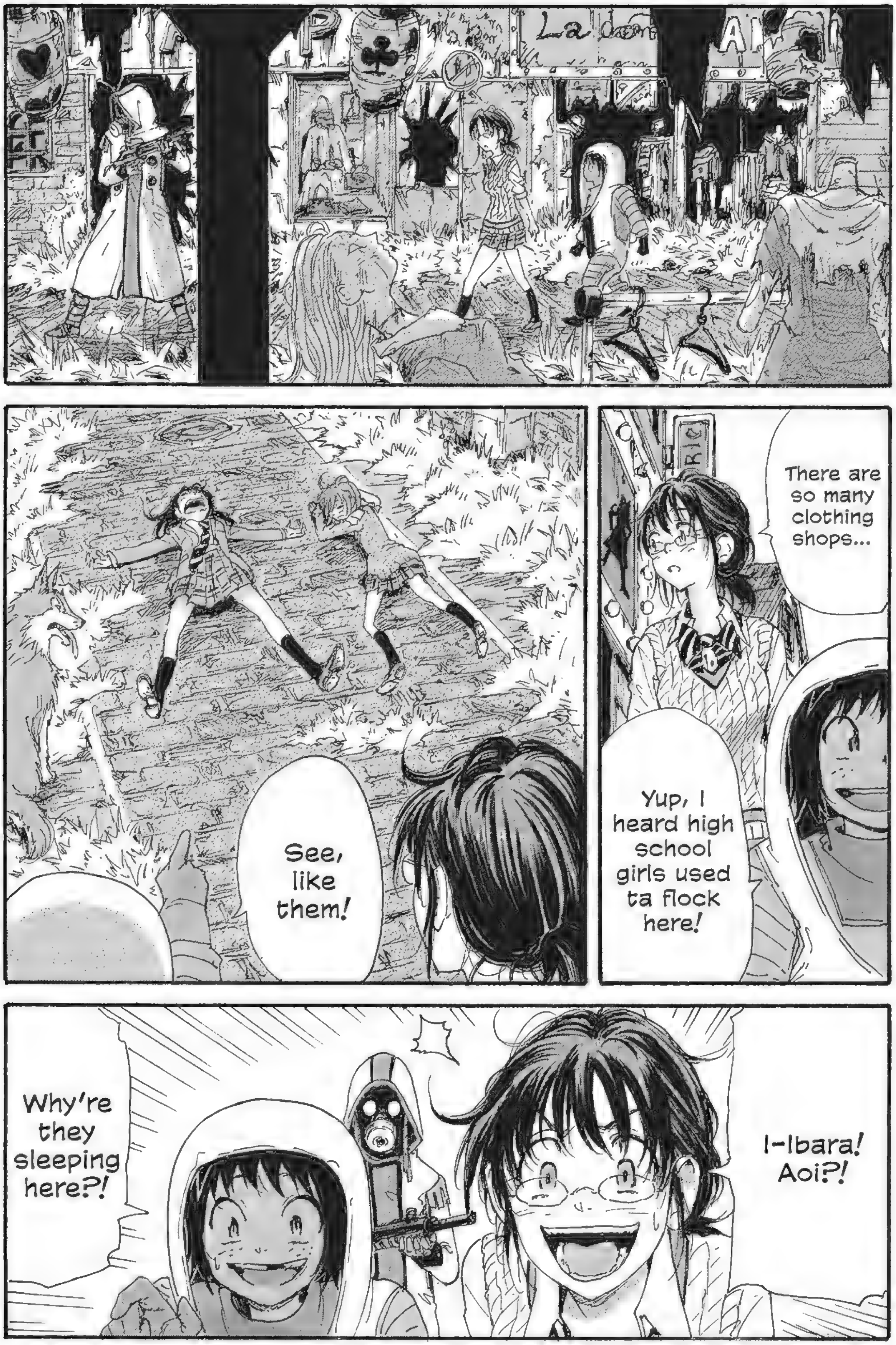

What was that?
The wolf.
WOOF
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF
WOOF
Ah...
Where are you going?! Wait!
That direction leads to the Yamanote Line, Harajuku Station.
He must have found something!
Follow him, Mr. Asimov!
VROOOM

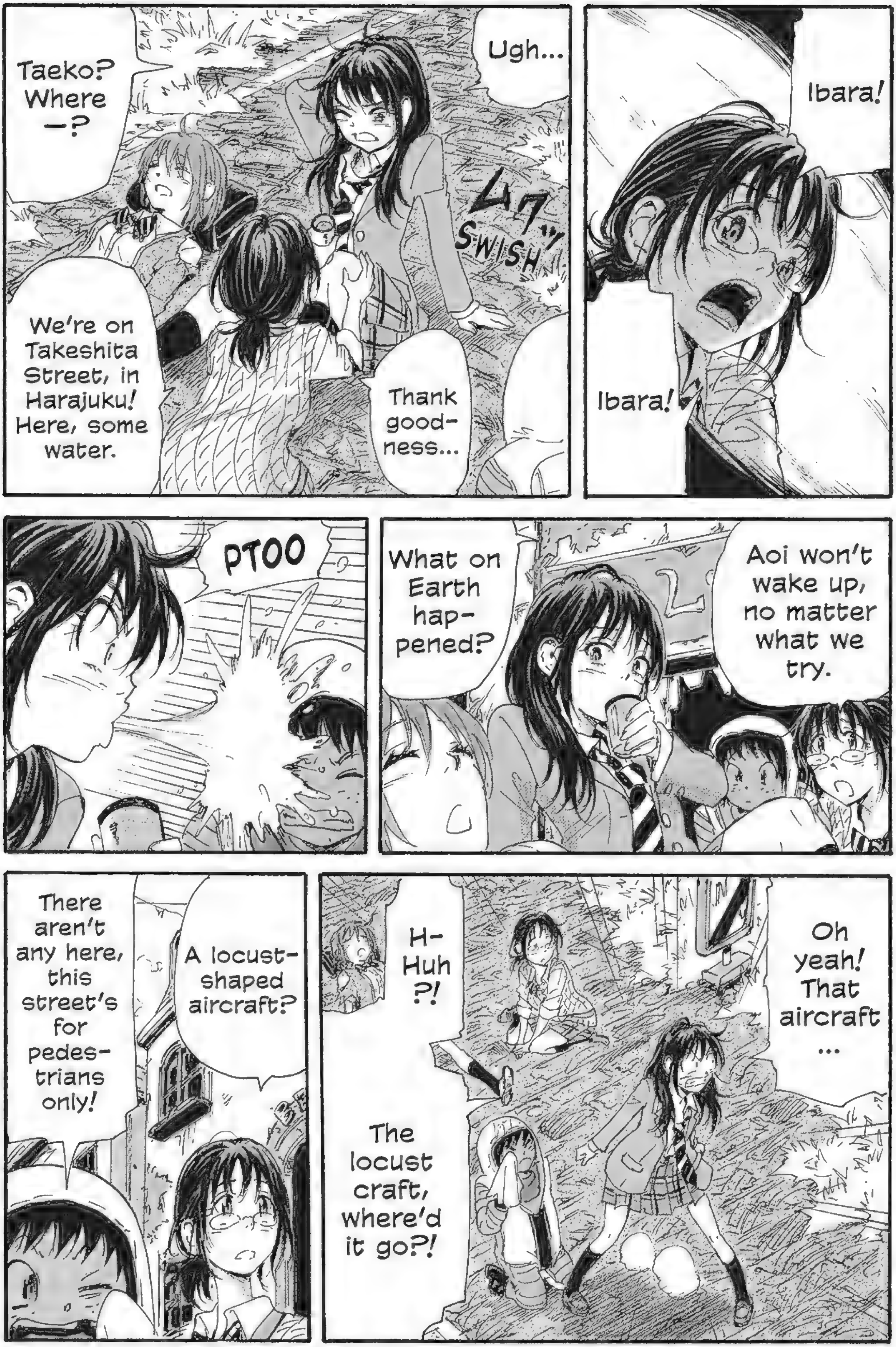

HWOOOOO
TAKESHITA STREET
200円
牛丼 吉野
YOSHI

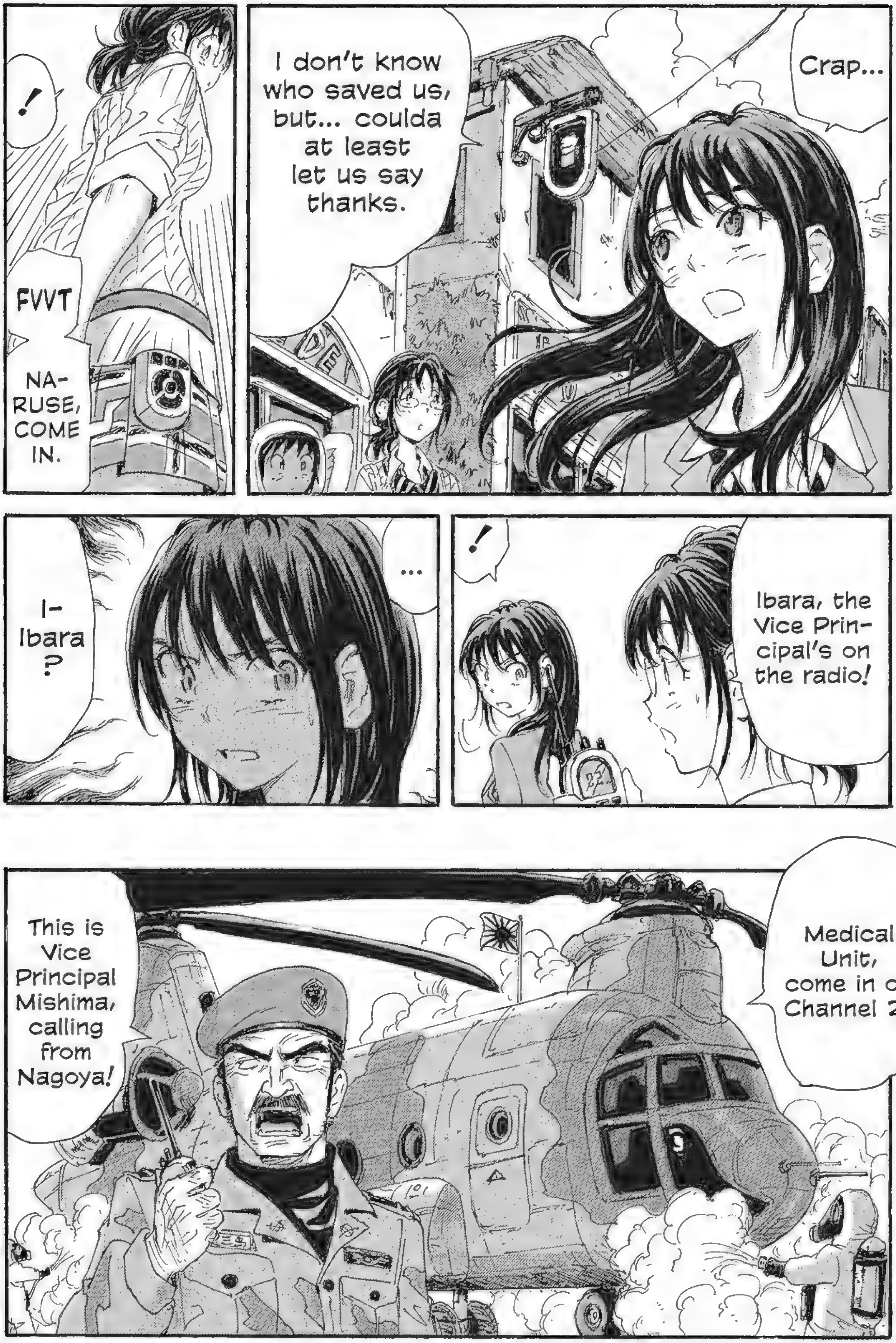

SKREE
HFF
HFF

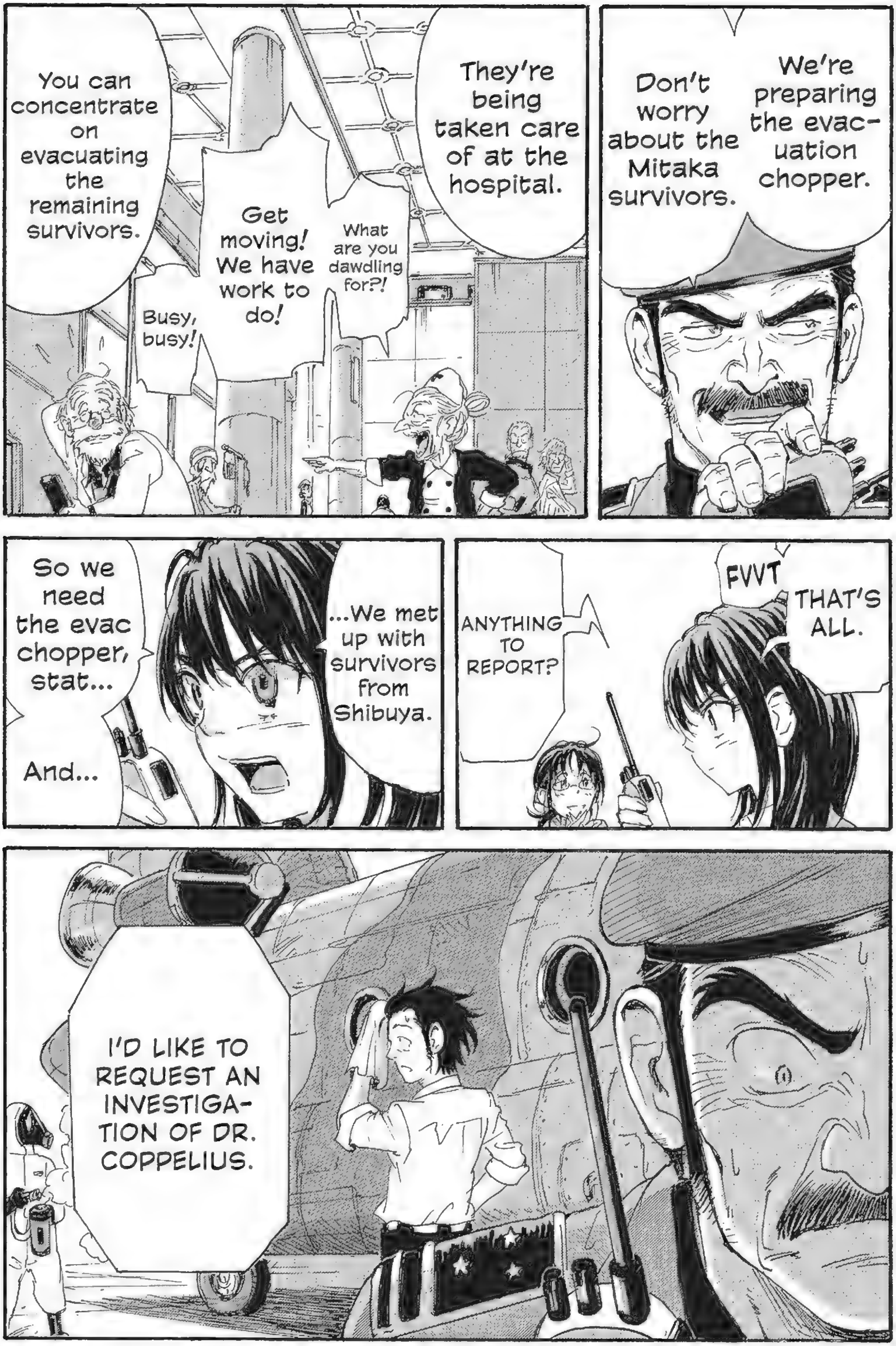

Where are we?
Um... oh!

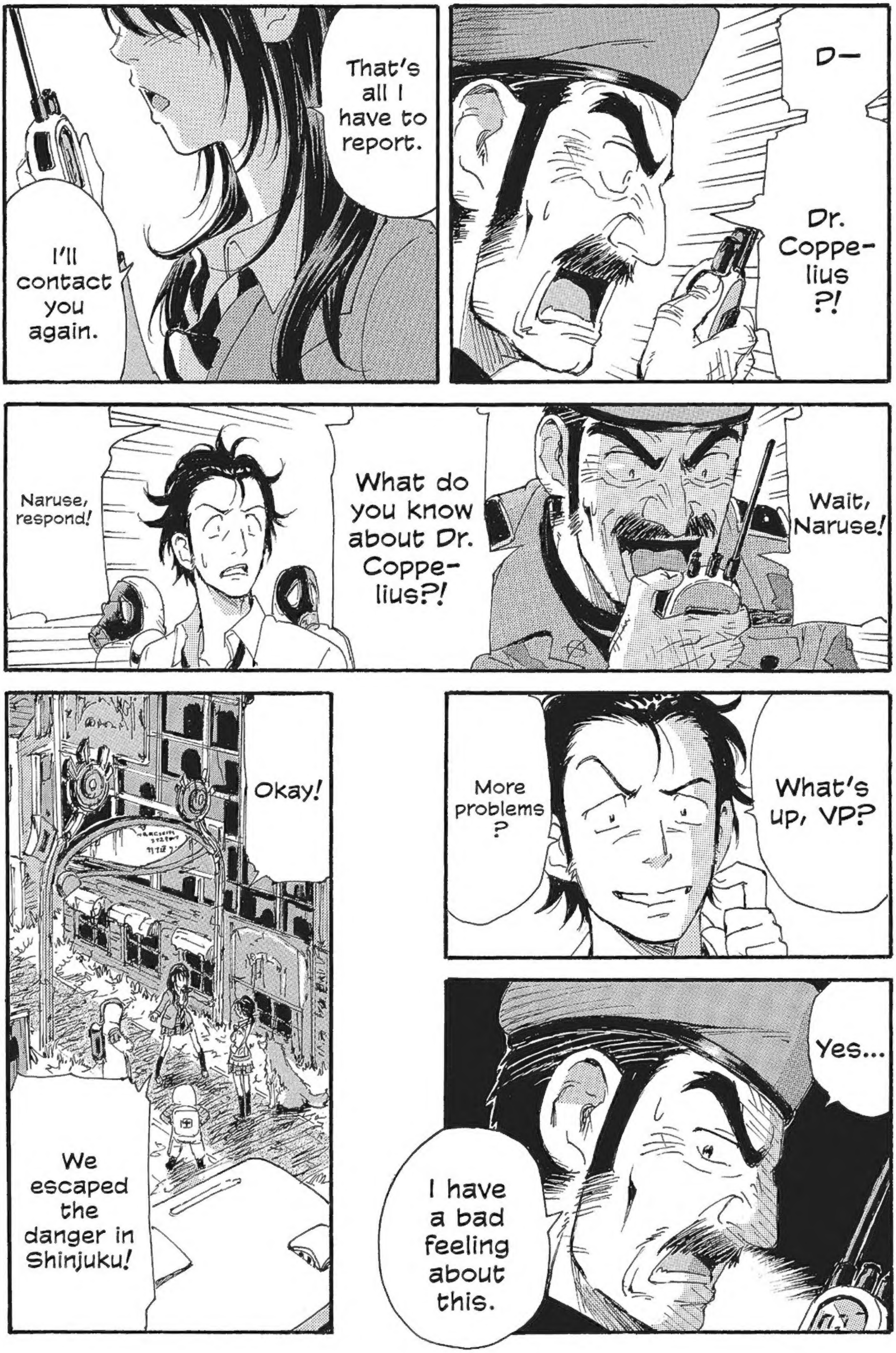

TAKESHITA STREET
タケシタ通り
Take-shita Street!
Look, the wolf's goin' in!
ROLL
ROLL

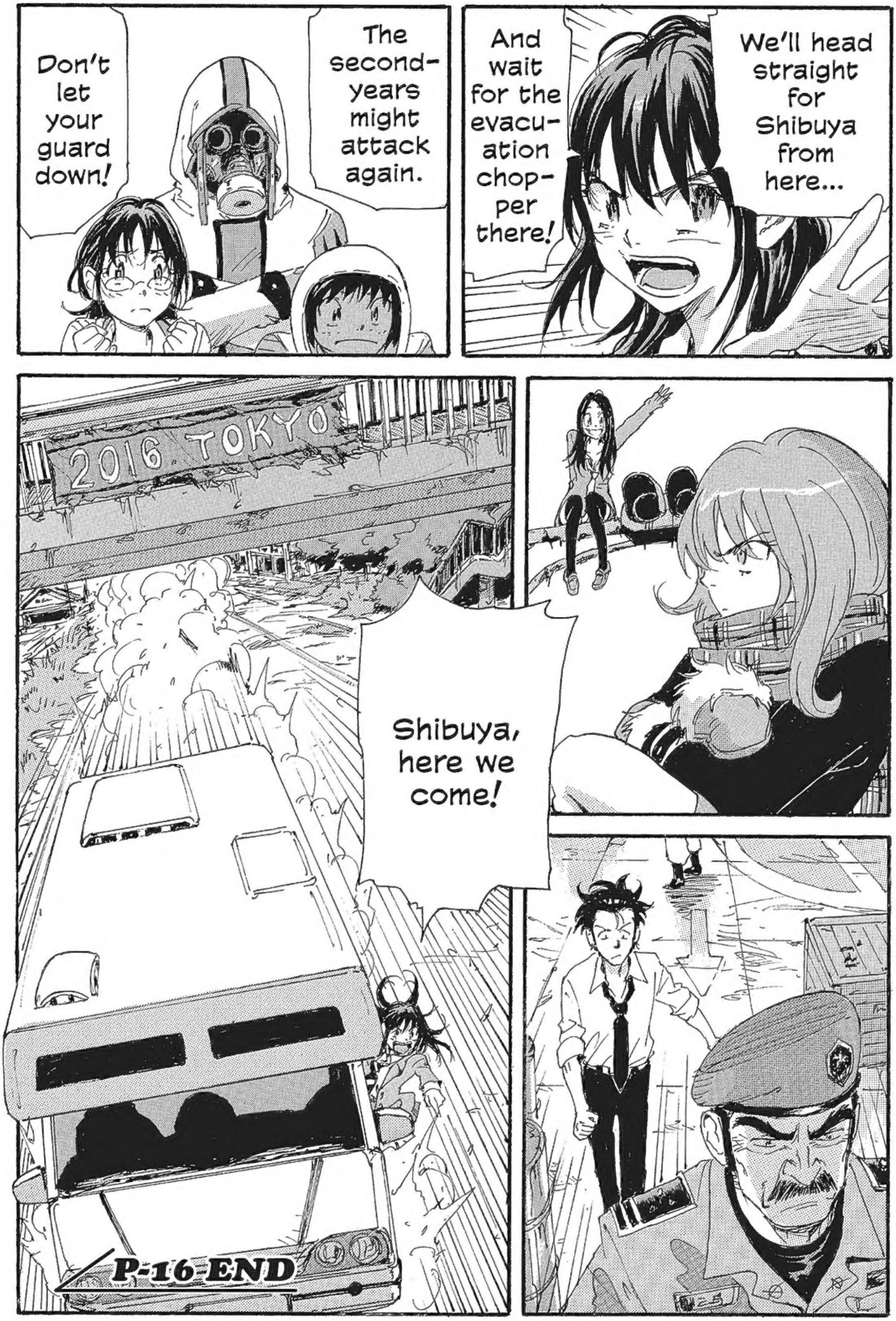

There are so many clothing shops...
Yup, I heard high school girls used ta flock here!
See, like them!
I-Ibara! Aoi?!
Why're they sleeping here?!


Ibara!
Ibara!
Ugh...
Taeko? Where—?
ムクッ SWISH
Thank goodness...
We're on Takeshita Street, in Harajuku! Here, some water.
Aoi won't wake up, no matter what we try.
What on Earth happened?
PTOO
Oh yeah! That aircraft...
H-Huh?!
The locust craft, where'd it go?!
A locust-shaped aircraft?
There aren't any here, this street's for pedestrians only!


Crap...
I don't know who saved us, but... coulda at least let us say thanks.
!
FVVT
NARUSE, COME IN.
Ibara, the Vice Principal's on the radio!
!
...
I-Ibara?
Medical Unit, come in on Channel 2!
This is Vice Principal Mishima, calling from Nagoya!


We're preparing the evacuation chopper.
Don't worry about the Mitaka survivors.
They're being taken care of at the hospital.
What are you dawdling for?!
Get moving! We have work to do!
Busy, busy!
You can concentrate on evacuating the remaining survivors.
THAT'S ALL.
FVVT
ANYTHING TO REPORT?
...We met up with survivors from Shibuya.
So we need the evac chopper, stat...
And...
I'D LIKE TO REQUEST AN INVESTIGATION OF DR. COPPELIUS.


D—
Dr. Coppelius?!
That's all I have to report.
I'll contact you again.
Wait, Naruse!
What do you know about Dr. Coppelius?!
Naruse, respond!
What's up, VP?
More problems?
Yes...
I have a bad feeling about this.
Okay!
We escaped the danger in Shinjuku!


We'll head straight for Shibuya from here...
And wait for the evacuation chopper there!
The second-years might attack again.
Don't let your guard down!
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Shibuya, here we come!
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